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Prosecutors hit hard by retirements

Here’s why it’s a challenge and opportunity

By **Edmund H. Mahony**
Hartford Courant

The state Division of Criminal Justice, hit hard by a wave of state employee retirements, is rushing to replace a quarter of its prosecutors at the same time it faces

a backlog of felony cases that piled up during pandemic court closures.

“It is an unprecedented number of vacancies,” said Supreme Court Justice Andrew McDonald, who chairs the Criminal Justice Commission, the agency that hires state prosecutors.

“Historically, we would hire a handful a year and now because of retirements and prosecutors leaving for other legal positions, we have an extraordinary void to

fill, which is made more difficult by the fact that the division is not the only state agency facing this human resource problem.”

The division, a relatively small state agency, staffs 13 prosecutorial offices in courthouses across the state, as well as numerous specialized bureaus at agency headquarters in Rocky Hill and at least one remote location. Forty-four of its lawyers were among the 4,500 out of 42,000 state employees who opted for retire-

ment by July 1, the effective date of a change in state employee retirement benefits that became a retirement incentive in a disproportionately older workforce.

McDonald’s unpaid, volunteer commission is setting up a rigorous schedule to recruit, interview and hire prosecutors. But it is expected to be a daunting task, given slowing employment trends across the legal profession,

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“We have an unprecedented number of vacancies. But at the same time, it is an unprecedented opportunity for us to try to recruit and hire a more diverse class of prosecutors — if we can entice people to apply.”

— State Supreme Court Justice Andrew McDonald



New Haven attorney Alex Taubes said he has worked to take 522 years off the sentences of his clients in just two years, most of them felons who were given extraordinarily long terms when they were young. **DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT PHOTOS**

Connecticut lawyer has found his niche

Taubes has gotten more than 500 years taken off prison sentences

By **Ed Stannard**
Hartford Courant

There aren’t a lot of attorneys who are making it their mission to get inmates out of prison before they’ve served out their sentences.

Alex Taubes, just seven years out of Yale Law School, has found a niche that is yielding results. As the result of recent Supreme Court decisions and changes in state law, he has been able to have time taken off his clients’ sentences, helping them become effective members of society.

The total so far: 522 years taken off the sentences of 48 men and three women in the past two years, most of them felons who were given extraordinarily long terms when they were young.

Two of them now work for Taubes as his legal

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TOP LEFT: Matthew Abraham was sentenced for manslaughter when he was 19. He now works alongside attorney Alex Taubes.



BOTTOM LEFT: Michael Braham was able to gain two bachelor’s degrees while serving a prison sentence. He now assists Taubes with his cases.

What’s behind ‘horrible’ surge?

Fixes sought as state logs record for deadly wrong-way crashes

By **Ed Stannard**
Hartford Courant

Connecticut already has hit a record for fatalities caused by wrong-way drivers, with half the year to go, and the COVID-19 pandemic may be contributing.

“It’s a horrible year,” said Eric Jackson, executive director of the Connecticut Transportation Institute at the University of Connecticut. “It’s not atypical for wrong-way driving crashes to involve impaired drivers. We’ve seen a lot of risk-taking behavior taking place across the board,” including speeding — some drivers roaring down the highway at 85 mph or more — and people not wearing seat belts.

“The common thing that we see is that almost 90% of wrong-way drivers have a blood-alcohol content greater than 0.2,” Jackson said. The legal limit is 0.08 percent.

“We even have some in our database that are almost 0.3 and then we have some drivers that have a combination of cannabis and alcohol in their system at the time of crash,” he said.

Jackson said traffic enforcement also “has decreased during COVID. The number of citations issued this year vs. 2019 are about a quarter of what they were.” He attributes the decrease to manpower shortages and the Police Accountability Law.

While he can’t be sure, Jackson believes the nearly 2 ½ years of COVID-19 have made people impatient and frustrated.

“They don’t really care about personal safety as much as they used to,” he said. “They’ve kind of gotten used to this message ... that everything’s dangerous out there.

“We are seeing fatalities across the board increase, and they started with the COVID lockdown. They started traveling at higher speeds.”

Already this year, there have been 17 fatalities from nine wrong-way crashes through June 30, according to the state Department of Transportation.

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President Joe Biden meets with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman earlier this month in Jeddah despite a previous vow to make the Middle Eastern country a “pariah” because of human rights violations. **BANDAR AL-JALOUD/SAUDI ROYAL PALACE**

ANALYSIS

Biden admin echoes Trump foreign policy

Experts point out how US continuity is often the norm

By **Edward Wong**
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — A fist bump and meeting with the crown prince of Saudi Arabia. Tariffs and export controls on China. Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. U.S. troops out of Afghanistan.

More than a year and a half into the tenure of President Joe Biden, his administration’s approach to

strategic priorities is surprisingly consistent with the policies of the Trump administration, former officials and analysts say.

Biden vowed on the campaign trail to break from the paths taken by the previous administration, and in some ways on foreign policy he has done that. He has repaired alliances, particularly in Western Europe, that Donald Trump weakened with his “America First” proclamations and criticisms of other nations. In recent months, Biden’s efforts positioned Washington to

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Big Papi a big hit in Cooperstown

David Ortiz promised to speak from the heart. As usual, Big Papi delivered. His megawatt smile tinged with a tad of emotion, the former Red Sox slugger was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame on Sunday. **Sports**

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4 injured in multiple shootings

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Four people were injured in multiple shootings over the weekend in Hartford, police said. On Sunday around 2:30 a.m., police were dispatched to the area of 3229 Main Street on a ShotSpotter notification where they found evidence of gunfire. While on the scene, an area hospital told police that a man had arrived with a gunshot wound. The victim, a man in his 40s, was listed in stable condition, police said. The incident was the second shooting on Main Street. A man suffered multiple gunshot wounds around 9 a.m. on Saturday. Police said Hartford patrol officers responded to the 300 block of Main Street following a citizen's call reporting a person shot outside the building. The man, who was not identified, was trans-

ported to an area hospital. His condition was stable, and the injury was considered non-life threatening, police said. Later Saturday evening, police were dispatched to Wethersfield Avenue after being alerted of gunfire around 7:30 p.m. Minutes after finding evidence of a shooting, police learned two people arrived at an area hospital with gunshot wounds. Both victims were listed in stable condition, and their injuries were considered non-life threatening, according to police. The Hartford Police Major Crimes and Crime Scene Divisions responded to the scenes of the shootings and these investigations remain ongoing. Anyone with any information about the incidents is asked to call the HPD Tip Line at 860-722-TIPS (8477).

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lead a coalition imposing sanctions against Russia during the war in Ukraine. And Biden has denounced autocracies, promoted the importance of democracy and called for global cooperation on issues that include climate change and the coronavirus pandemic. But in critical areas, the Biden administration has not made substantial breaks, showing how difficult it is in Washington to chart new courses on foreign policy. That was underscored this month when Biden traveled to Israel and Saudi Arabia, a trip partly aimed at strengthening the closer ties among those states Trump officials had promoted under the so-called Abraham Accords. In Saudi Arabia, Biden met with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman despite his earlier vow to make the nation a "pariah" for human rights violations, notably the murder of a Washington Post writer in 2018. U.S. intelligence agencies concluded that the prince ordered the killing. Behind the scenes, the U.S. still provides support for the Saudi military in the Yemen war despite Biden's earlier pledge to end that aid because of Saudi airstrikes that killed civilians. "The policies are converging," said Stephen Biegun, deputy secretary of state in the Trump administration and a National Security Council official under former President George W. Bush. "Continuity is the norm, even between presidents as different as Trump and Biden." Some former officials and analysts praised the consistency, arguing that the Trump administration, despite the deep flaws of the commander in chief, properly diagnosed important challenges to U.S. interests and sought to deal with them. Others are less sanguine. They say Biden's choices have compounded problems with U.S. foreign policy and sometimes deviated from the president's stated principles. "As time has gone on, Biden has not lived up

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unusual salary restrictions established by a state union contract and competition from other state agencies hit by retirements, such as the Attorney General's office and the Division of Public Defender Services. In the meantime, newly appointed Chief State's Attorney Patrick Griffin said he is prepared to shift personnel to support front line prosecutors. "I don't think we are going to be operating at a disadvantage," Griffin said. "We are going to begin to fill those positions, I think rapidly. I have requested all the bureaus here to be all hands on deck to assist in the field. A number of those individuals have volunteered to second chair cases as they come in." One of the challenges confronting the division is a backlog of murder, felony murder and accessory to murder cases. There are more than 400 pending murder cases, with the number of defendants — nearly all of whom are jailed after being unable to post bond — more than twice the number of prosecutors. More than 100 murder cases are awaiting trial in Hartford, about 90 in Bridgeport and about 70 in Waterbury. The murder cases date from one in 2015 to 59 so far this year, with the bulk of the pending cases piling up during the pandemic, when many courtrooms were closed and jury trials, which involve packing jurors, prosecutors, defense lawyers and court staff into enclosed rooms, were put on hold. The Criminal Justice Commission will be looking for entry level deputy assistant state's attorneys, having promoted those who had been junior to fill the places of departing retirees. Finding and hiring qualified prosecutors could be slow going, if recent experience is a measure. In the past, openings for state prosecutors and public defenders have attracted a dozen or more applicants. More recently, three or fewer applicants are more likely for an open position. Private firms report similar difficulty recruiting associates. "We appoint new lawyers to open positions every month," said Allison Near, who hires public defenders as chairman of the state of Public Defender Services. "I don't think we have ever had a month when we have had no applicants. But where we used to have maybe 10, 15 for a slot, sometimes now we will only have three." The public defenders have a recruitment advantage over state prosecutors: They can recruit third-year law students as interns with promises of a guaranteed position upon passing the bar. State prosecutors, by law, must have passed the bar in order to be considered for employment. The Criminal Justice Commission faces additional impediments to recruitment. With a budget of \$409, it can't advertise. The top of the salary range for an entry

level prosecutor is about \$84,000, regardless of the applicant's experience. The state employee union contract prohibits starting salary step-ups for applicants with years of experience elsewhere. Earlier this month, a lawyer who lives in Connecticut but has been a prosecutor in an adjacent state for more than 20 years applied for one of four positions in Bridgeport. The applicant withdrew after learning the position would come with a drastic reduction in her six-figure salary. "The candidate was unbelievable," McDonald said. "But we lost her because we couldn't offer her a competitive salary based on her experience." The Division of Criminal Justice also lost two relatively recent hires to other state agencies where salaries for lawyers are higher, McDonald said. There are also signs that the members of the unpaid commission — the mostly private practice lawyers who hire prosecutors — have become concerned about the time they must spend away from billing their own clients during the long applicant interview process. To cut down on time away from the office for commission members, they began during their last meeting to discuss a twice a month interview schedule beginning in September that does not require full commission attendance. "This is not going to happen overnight," McDonald said. "This will take us several months." While acknowledging the challenges of replacing a quarter of the state's prosecutors, McDonald and Griffin said it provides an opportunity to re-evaluate how prosecutors work and to diversify those who hold the positions. "We have an unprecedented number of vacancies," McDonald said. "But at the same time, it is an unprecedented opportunity for us to try to recruit and hire a more diverse class of prosecutors — if we can entice people to apply. "One of the things that we encourage people to consider is that the job of a prosecutor has changed over time. And the approach has evolved so that prosecutors are oftentimes trying to connect defendants with social service programs and mental health services so there is actually kind of a social worker component to it. "Historically in communities of color there has been a wariness about the role of prosecutors, and it is very clear now that prosecutors can do a lot of work to help people who encounter the legal system on their worst day. And by the way, that work helps alleviate the pressure on the system, too. More senior prosecutors can spend their time prosecuting the more serious offense, not the lesser level offenses." Griffin called the hiring binge both a challenge and an opportunity. "We are going to have a relatively young division, but highly experienced," he said. "When a judge calls a case in, we are going to answer that call."

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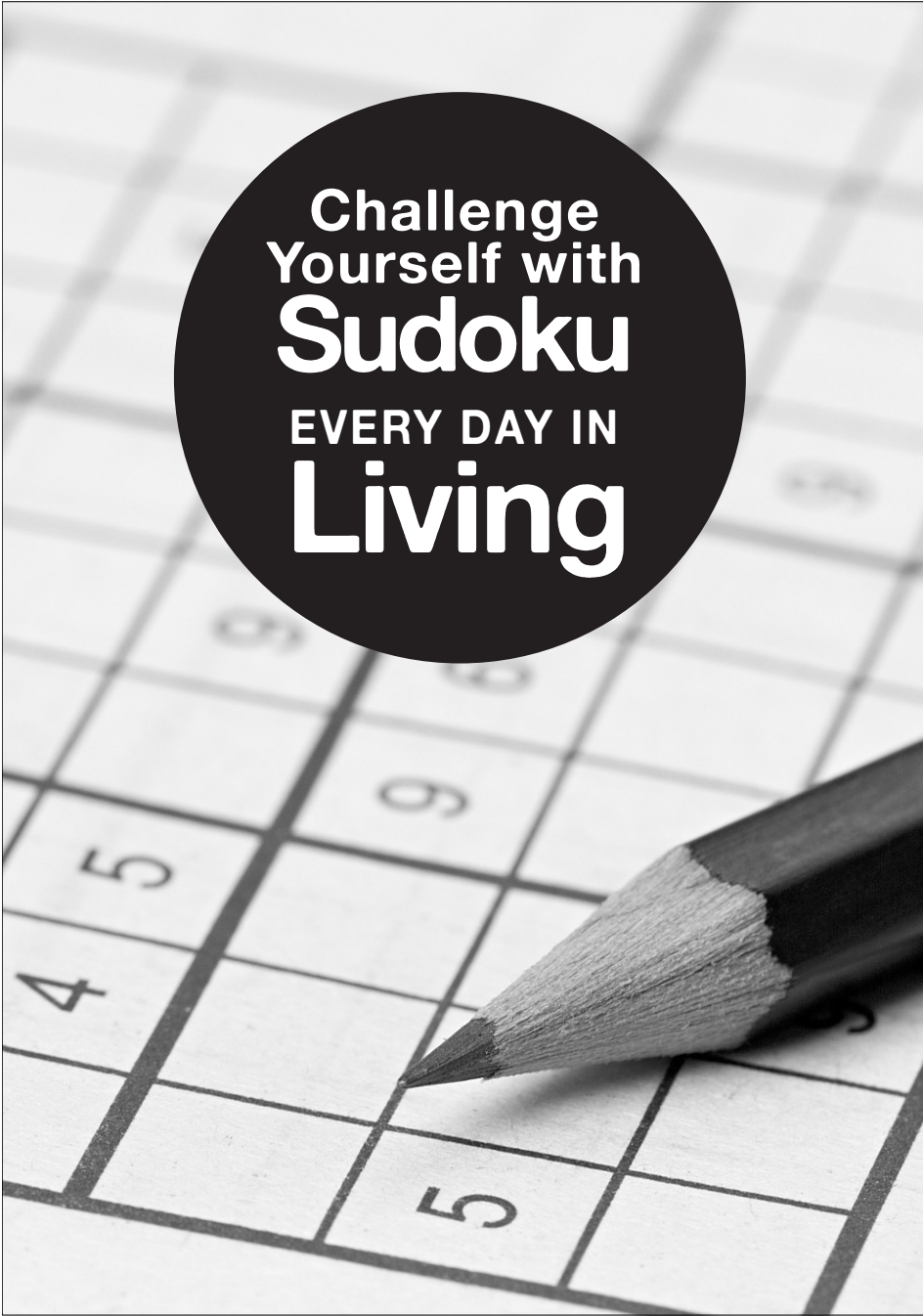
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POWERBALL
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assistants. One, Michael Braham, earned two degrees while serving time for murder.

“I was in 24 years on a 32-year sentence, and, throughout that whole time I was battling for post-conviction relief,” said Braham, 47, whether it was sentence modification, which would reduce his time, or commutation, which would get him out on parole.

At age 21, “I was charged and eventually convicted of murder.” He took a plea to avoid trial.

“It wasn’t a murder. It was manslaughter, but the state insisted on murder,” Braham said, which if he had been convicted at trial would have brought him a 60-year sentence, the standard at the time.

“That’s what kept me going through all those years: my post-conviction work, which I gave up on that one time and then I bumped into someone and he kind of told me how foolish that was. So I filed something that took me another 10-15 years to litigate unsuccessfully, not because I didn’t have merit but just because that was the times, right? Lock him up and throw away the key.”

A friend in prison dubbed him “the paralegal.” His goal now: to become a lawyer.

He filed another appeal to the Board of Pardons and Paroles, which he said was rejected without the board apparently having read it. “It came back pristine,” he said.

Meanwhile, Braham said, “I got a bachelor’s from Wesleyan majoring in philosophy. I got a bachelor’s from Charter Oak State College. That’s a blended concentration of philosophy and law.”

Then he met Taubes.

Matthew Abraham, 39, the other member of Taubes’ staff in the cramped office on Elm Street in New Haven, was arrested at 18, charged with murder, convicted at trial and sentenced on a charge of a manslaughter with a firearm.

“The first couple of years of my prison sentence was kind of rough,” he said. “My adolescence. I was still shaking off some stuff that I was carrying with me, a lot of trauma and all that — not even shaking it off, not knowing how to deal with it.”

But Abraham’s grandmother, Mattie McFadden, who died in June 2021, gave him tough love.

“She just told me she would never send me money for commissary,” Abraham said. “She said the only thing I will pay for you to do is to go to school, because that’s all she ever wanted for me was to go to school. So she did that.”

So Abraham began studying law in the prison library, finally getting a job in the law library at Cheshire Correctional Institution. He filed cases, representing himself, but kept getting denied.

“And then I just kept digging and digging for cases and ultimately I found a case I believe from the ’70s where something was wrong,” he said. “And I didn’t actually think that that was going to be the thing that was going to get me released. I put it in as a footnote. Just like, if the court wanted to consider this,



New Haven attorney Alex Taubes said that he has worked to take 522 years off the sentences of his clients in just two years. DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT

you can just look at that.”

That turned out to be the key.

“Thankfully I did that, because that’s what ultimately got my sentence reduced. The first time I got it reduced. So I won the appeal,” and the judge took off three years, he said.

“I was sentenced to 40 years suspended after 30 years and then they ended up just taking off three years,” Abraham said, finally serving 20 years, seven months.

He also studied at Wesleyan, where he was referred to Taubes. “He told me at no charge he will take me to the sentence modification,” Abraham said. “That’s what he did. He kept his promise. He kept his word, and he ended up putting in a modification.”

At the hearing, the victim’s mother, who had opposed Abraham’s release, tried to get the judge’s attention. “She interrupted and I believe it was Alex that was like, Your Honor, I believe she has something to say. And he pointed out that she was trying to get the court’s attention, and she told the court to let me out, to let me free. She said she heard everything that I’ve done and accomplished while I was in prison and she thought I will be good for the community. She pretty much begged the court to let me free. It was pretty powerful and emotional.”

He was released five days later. “And now here I am, working for Alex Taubes,” he said.

“So now I’ve been here and there’s many people that I know that Alex has gotten out of prison. I mean, guys that I’ve been in prison with for 20 years. And now they’re free.”

‘What I want to see’

Abraham said of Taubes, “a lot of times he didn’t even take people’s money.

“He just wanted to help people, and he has been doing that. He’s been helping people. ... I talked to a lot of guys inside. I’m still in contact, close contact with a lot of folks. And they all tell us, they all hire Alex because they know how good he is.”

While those who are tough on crime might question why Taubes focuses on getting convicts out of prison, he has a ready answer.

“The notion that a person who’s sentenced needs to serve 100% of the time that the judge gives at the sentencing is actually a pretty new one that came about during the tough-on-crime 1990s and what were called truth-in-sentencing laws,” he said.

He said a life sentence in Connecticut was defined as 20 years and then 60 years. “And then it used to be that a prisoner could earn up to 17 days off of their sentence each month for good behavior and working a job,” he said. That too was abolished in 1994.

“And now someone like Matt or Mike, who’s in prison for 20 years getting college degrees, helping their communities, mentoring young men, they’re not getting any credit at all for the good work and good behavior they do in prison,” he said. “And there’s a real problem with that.”

Taubes said it denies prisoners hope.

“If you don’t give them any reward for doing good and becoming better ... what are you going to do to someone when you’ve already told them, ‘I’m putting you in prison for the rest of your life and there’s nothing you could ever do to get out of that?’” he said.

“And what we’re seeing right now, in our communities with young people, and the violence and the crime that we’re seeing. A lot of it is a repeat of history.

“And if we had some of these people who have life experiences out here to teach some of the lessons that they’ve learned that allowed them to transform their lives completely, I really believe that could be the catalyst or turning point or a tipping point to starting to really tackle the problems of the violence that we see in the city and trying to make the city a more peaceful, healing place for all of our children to grow up,” he said. “And that’s what I want to see.”

Taubes said the science of brain

development also argues for keeping young people out of prison. “The science now shows us that a young person who’s 20, 25 years old can really change and become a whole different person,” he said.

But Taubes sees a need to change the laws to “automatically take a look at some of these people who have been sitting in jail for so long, and assign someone to work with them to look at whether or not the sentence that was imposed decades ago is still serving the needs of the people of the state of Connecticut here today.”

Taubes, 33, began his career working with attorney David Rosen on the class-action lawsuit that won a settlement for more than 1,000 residents of Church Street South, the low-income residential housing complex across from New Haven’s Union Station. It’s since been razed.

He also worked with ACLU of Connecticut on the case in which the group argued that prisoners should be released during the pandemic because of the lack of social distancing. “The settlement did some good things, but it didn’t provide for anyone to be released from prison,” Taubes said.

“And obviously, a lot of the guys I was working with, that’s the reason they were working on the case is because they were hoping they could get out through the case. And some of them had a really good point.”

Taubes worked to get Braham out, then two things changed “that really changed this practice and made it take off,” Taubes said. “One was that the legislature passed a bill that for people who went to trial like Matt, you no longer had to ask the prosecutor for permission to take your case in front of a judge. They just filed a motion in court and got a court date.

“And then the other thing that happened was the Board of Pardons and Paroles released a new policy where they would be starting to exercise the power of commutation of sentences again after a three-year hiatus, where they had not been even considering applications for commutation.”

Also, the Supreme Court ruled that anyone under age 18 given long sentences, even if ineligible for parole, “is entitled to reconsideration of that sentence,” according to Michael Lawlor, a professor at the University of New Haven and former criminal justice adviser to Gov. Dannel Malloy.

“And so the first one of those was the Michael Cox case, where we got 30 years off of his 75-year sentence, and then the board acted even further and letting him out because of his dialysis and the medical conditions and things like that,” Taubes said.

“And since that one we did with Michael Cox, I think our 10 biggest victories in the last two years have come through the parole board as opposed to through these motions in court.” He’s working on another round of motions.

Taubes has also tried politics, running a losing campaign in 2014 against then-state Rep. Noreen Kokoruda, R-Madison, when he was in law school. He grew up in Madison. He also ran against state Senate President Pro Tempore Martin Looney, D-New Haven, in 2020, but didn’t gain enough signatures to get on the primary ballot.

“And as part of that, we brought a lawsuit against the state, because during the COVID-19 shutdown, how is someone supposed to go door to door to get petition signatures to qualify for the ballot?” Taubes said. “So we sued saying that the petition requirements in Connecticut were unconstitutional because of COVID. And three days after we filed our lawsuit, Gov. [Ned] Lamont changed the rules, allowed electronic signatures, reduced the number of signatures, gave more time to comply.”

Taubes lost his case but is appealing. He’s also representing a candidate who is challenging U.S. Rep. John Larson, D-1, in which Lamont’s accommodations no longer apply.

“And they came just short,” he said. “And what we did when we brought this lawsuit was we found out that Connecticut is not only the most strict state in the country when it comes to running for office and qualifying for the ballot, but that no one has ever made the ballot in a primary against an incumbent U.S. House member in Connecticut, and Connecticut is the only state in the whole country where that’s true.”

Taubes said the state laws “to get on the ballot to run for office to improve your community stop people from being able to do that, and that’s bad for everything we want in our government. We want more efficient government. We want more engagement. We want more justice. But the people in power stop us from being able to participate.”

So, while his practice is mainly about getting people out of prison as a civil rights lawyer, “my goal is to make sure that the government protects people’s constitutional rights, and that our democracy is a healthy place where people can succeed and have opportunities and live their lives.”

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Crashes

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“The wrong-way and highway crashes and fatalities are just astronomical in 2022,” said DOT spokesman Josh Morgan.

He said the “really horrific numbers this year” compare with 2021, when there were three wrong-way crashes and three fatalities; and 2020, with two wrong-way crashes and four fatalities. “We almost have doubled that in 2022 and we almost have half a year left,” Morgan said.

The numbers refer to wrong-way crashes on interstate highways, which have separate entrance ramps in each direction.

“When someone gets on [Interstate] 84, 95, going in the wrong direction, that usually ends up tragically for people,” Morgan said.

He said the crashes are not limited by geography, with Route 8, Route 15, Interstates 95, 91, 84 and 395 all affected.

“It’s really not one ramp, one location, and what’s important to remember is we know where these crashes happen,” Morgan said. “We don’t know in all instances where they got on the highway.”

“They may travel 5 to 10 miles going in the wrong direction, not realizing they’re going the wrong way,” Jackson said. “It’s very difficult to know, because most of the time they either die in the crash or they don’t know or can’t remember where they got on.”

One woman drove 13 miles before she saw another vehicle, he said.

The worst crash this year occurred May 29, when four people died on I-95 in Guilford. A Nissan Altima, traveling northbound in the southbound lane, hit a Chevrolet Colorado. Both drivers



A Department of Transportation pilot project will install 15 wrong-way signs with cameras that turn on warning lights if a driver enters an exit ramp. CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

died, as did two passengers in the Chevy, according to state police.

Luis Fernando Garduno Cidales, 22, of Westbrook, was the sole occupant of the Nissan. The driver of the Chevrolet Colorado was identified as Johnny Bookhardt, 76, of Norwalk. His passengers were Caroline G. Bookhardt, 68, and Patricia Greene-Kessler, 66, both of Norwalk.

Other examples, reported by state police:

Nathan Tomlin, 21, of Ledyard, was arrested for allegedly driving the wrong way on I-395 in Lisbon on July 17, sideswiping a car and taking off. He failed a sobriety test.

A woman suffered serious injuries and two men were also hurt in a wrong-way crash on Route 8 in Waterbury on July 11.

Samantha Smith, 31, of Windsor Locks, died July 10 when her pickup truck hit a tractor-trailer head-on on I-291 in Manchester.

Shahid Malik, 61, of Easton, died

after his car, heading the wrong way, hit another vehicle on Route 25 in Trumbull on June 15.

Nicole LaFlamme, 33, of Bristol, was killed when she hit a Jeep head-on on Route 5/15 in East Hartford on June 12.

Patricia Tucker, 82, of New Haven, and her passenger were killed May 31, when Tucker, driving eastbound in the westbound lane of Route 82 in Haddam, hit a vehicle driven by Tyreek Aveon Woods, 22, of Hamden, who survived.

Tucker was taken by LifeStar to Hartford Hospital, where she was pronounced dead. Her passenger, Berthina McNair, 83, of East Haven, was pronounced dead at the scene. Woods was taken to Middlesex Hospital with suspected injuries, and a passenger in his car was flown by LifeStar to Hartford Hospital with serious injuries.

Aggressive driving

Both Morgan and Jackson said most wrong-way crashes are caused by impaired drivers and speeding is a big contributor.

“People driving over 85 mph has increased by a factor of five ... and it really hasn’t come down to pre-COVID speeds that we see,” Jackson said.

Aggressive driving has also risen. “The number of road-rage shootings on the interstate have more than doubled this year,” Jackson said. “It really seems as though highway behavior has become a lot more aggressive and people are a lot less tolerant and accepting of people around them.”

It’s not as if drivers aren’t warned they are entering the highway on an exit ramp. Morgan said there are “Wrong Way” signs on the back of every speed limit sign, which appear about every minute as someone is driving.

There are also wrong-side crashes, in which someone crosses the center line on a road that does not have the physical separation an interstate does: Route 1 on the shoreline or Wethersfield Avenue in Hartford, for example.

While someone can drift over the median because they are drunk, texting or falling asleep, “it’s difficult for us to separate those out,” Jackson said. “It may be somebody (at) a parking lot and they ended up on the wrong side. There’s a lot more contributing factors to wrong-side crashes than there are to wrong-way crashes.”

“Wrong-way drivers specifically make a decision to turn onto the interstate in the wrong direction,” Jackson said.

“We’ve heard, ‘why don’t you just put spike strips on all of the off-ramps?’ ” which flatten when a driver rolls over them in the correct direction, Morgan said.

However, “those are not federally approved,” he said. Research has shown they work at slower speeds in garages, parking lots and the like.

And if someone drove over spike strips the wrong way and flattened their tires, they’d be blocking the exit ramp, he said.

Instead, the DOT has been replacing plain green lights with directional arrows that tell drivers “this is not your turn [signal] to the on-ramp. Keep going straight,” he said.

Also, in November the DOT announced it would launch a pilot program to put cameras on the Wrong Way signs that will set off red flashing lights if they detect a wrong-way driver. The first lights will go up in 15 locations and were installed in Danbury at the Route 6/I-84 interchange in 2020, Morgan said.

Since then, there have been no wrong-way crashes associated with that entrance, which is near bars, hotels and restaurants, he said. “This is a high-volume area that has a lot of nightlife,” Morgan said. “It’s encouraging data.”

The 15 locations were chosen from 236 where exit and entrance ramps are located on the same side of the road, according to the DOT. The locations (some cities have more than one) are in Derby, East Hartford, Hamden, Hartford, Manchester, New Haven, North Haven, Plainville, Rocky Hill, Southbury and Stonington.

If the cameras detect a wrong-way driver, the DOT also will get an alert, Morgan said.

Jackson said ultimately “it comes back to individual people and being responsible for their individual actions and I feel that responsibility has decreased dramatically.”

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Pope begins ‘penitential pilgrimage’

Canada’s Indigenous to receive apology, but looking for more

By Nicole Winfield, Rob Gillies and Peter Smith
Associated Press

EDMONTON, Alberta — Pope Francis began a historic visit to Canada on Sunday to apologize to Indigenous peoples for abuses by missionaries at residential schools, a key step in the Catholic Church’s efforts to reconcile with Native communities and help them heal from generations of trauma.

Francis kissed the hand of a residential school survivor as he was greeted at the Edmonton, Alberta, airport by Indigenous representatives, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Mary Simon, an Inuk who is Canada’s first Indigenous governor general.

The gesture set the tone of what Francis has said is a “penitential pilgrimage” to atone for the role of Catholic missionaries in the forced assimilation of generations of Native children — a visit that has stirred mixed emotions across Canada as survivors and their families cope with the trauma of their losses and receive a long-sought papal apology.

Francis had time to rest before his scheduled meeting Monday with survivors near the site of a former residential school in Maskwacis, where he is expected to pray at a cemetery and apologize.

Using a wheelchair, Francis exited the back of his plane with the help of an ambulant. Sunday’s simple welcome ceremony took place in an airport hangar,



Grand Chief George Arcand of the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations greets Pope Francis on Sunday. The pope’s Canadian visit is aimed at reconciliation with Indigenous people for abuses at Christian schools. **NATHAN DENETTE / THE CANADIAN PRESS**

where Indigenous drums and chanting broke the silence. As Trudeau and Simon sat beside Francis, a succession of Indigenous leaders and elders greeted the pope and exchanged gifts.

At one point, Francis kissed the hand of residential school survivor Elder Alma Desjarlais of the Frog Lake First Nations.

“Right now, many of our people are skeptical and they are hurt,” said Grand Chief George Arcand of the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations, who greeted the pope. Yet he expressed hope that with the papal apology, “We could begin

our journey of healing.”

Indigenous groups are pressing for access to church archives to learn the fate of children who never returned home from the residential schools. They also want justice for the abusers, financial reparations and the return of Indigenous artifacts held by the Vatican Museums.

Assembly of First Nations National Chief Rose-Anne Archibald, one of the country’s most prominent Indigenous leaders, said several members of her family attended residential schools, including a sister who died at one in Ontario. She described it as “an insti-

tution of assimilation and genocide.”

Francis’ weeklong trip — which will also take him to Quebec City and Iqaluit, Nunavut, in the far north — follows meetings held in the spring at the Vatican with delegations from the First Nations, Metis and Inuit. Those meetings culminated with a historic April 1 apology for the “deplorable” abuses committed by some Catholic missionaries in residential schools.

The Canadian government admitted physical and sexual abuse were rampant in the state-funded Christian schools that operated from the 19th century to

the 1970s. Some 150,000 Indigenous children were taken from their families in an effort to isolate them from the influence of their homes, Native languages and cultures and assimilate them into Canada’s Christian society.

Then-Prime Minister Stephen Harper issued a formal apology over the residential schools in 2008. As part of a lawsuit settlement involving the government, churches and approximately 90,000 surviving students, Canada paid reparations that amounted to billions of dollars being transferred to Indigenous communities.

Canada’s Truth and

Reconciliation Commission in 2015 called for a papal apology to be delivered on Canadian soil, but it was only after the 2021 discovery of the possible remains of around 200 children at a former residential school in British Columbia that the Vatican complied with the request.

“I honestly believe that if it wasn’t for the discovery ... and all the spotlight that was placed on the Oblates or the Catholic Church as well, I don’t think any of this would have happened,” said Raymond Frogner, head archivist at the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.

Frogner just returned from Rome where he spent five days at the headquarters of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, which operated 48 of the 139 Christian-run residential schools, the most of any Catholic order. After the graves were discovered, the Oblates finally offered “complete transparency and accountability” and allowed him into its headquarters to research the names of alleged sex abusers from a single school in the province of Saskatchewan, he said.

The Inuit community is seeking Vatican assistance to extradite a single Oblate priest, the Rev. Joannes Rivoire, who ministered to Inuit communities until he left for France in the 1990s. Canadian authorities issued an arrest warrant for him in 1998 on accusations of several counts of sexual abuse, but it has never been served.

Asked about the request, Vatican spokesman Matteo Bruni said last week that he had no information on the case.

China ‘noticeably more aggressive,’ Milley warns

Top US general aims to reinforce nation’s ties in Indo-Pacific

By Lolita C. Baldor
Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — The Chinese military has become significantly more aggressive and dangerous over the past five years, the top U.S. military officer said during a trip to the Indo-Pacific that included a stop Sunday in Indonesia.

U.S. Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the number of intercepts by Chinese aircraft and ships in the Pacific region with U.S. and other partner forces has increased significantly over that time, and the number of unsafe interactions has risen by similar proportions.

“The message is the Chinese military, in the air and at sea, have become significantly more and noticeably more aggressive in this particular region,” said Milley, who recently asked his staff to compile details about interactions between China and the U.S. and others in the region.

His comments came as the U.S. redoubles efforts to strengthen its relationships with Pacific nations as

a counterbalance to China, which is trying to expand its presence and influence in the region.

The Biden administration considers China its “pacing threat” and America’s primary long-term security challenge.

Milley’s trip to the region is sharply focused on the China threat. He will attend a meeting of Indo-Pacific chiefs of defense this week in Australia, where key topics will be China’s escalating military growth and the need to maintain a free, open and peaceful Pacific.

U.S. military officials have also raised alarms about the possibility that China could invade Taiwan, the democratic, self-ruled island that Beijing views as a breakaway province.

U.S. military officials have said Beijing wants to be ready to make a move on the island by 2027. The U.S. remains Taiwan’s chief ally and supplier of defense weapons. U.S. law requires the government to treat all threats to the island as matters of “grave concern,” but remains ambiguous on whether the U.S. military would defend Taiwan if it were attacked by China.

China’s joint chiefs of staff chairman, Gen. Li Zuocheng, told Milley in a

call this month that Beijing had “no room for compromise” on issues such as Taiwan. He said he told Milley that the U.S. must “cease U.S.-Taiwan military collusion and avoid impacting China-U.S. ties and stability in the Taiwan Strait.”

The U.S. and others are also worried that a recent security agreement that Beijing signed in April with the Solomon Islands could lead to the establishment of a Chinese naval base in the South Pacific. The U.S. and Australia have told the Solomon Islands that hosting a Chinese military base would not be tolerated.

“This is an area in which China is trying to do outreach for their own purposes. And again, this is concerning because China is not doing it just for benign reasons,” Milley told reporters. “They’re trying to expand their influence throughout the region. And that has potential consequences that are not necessarily favorable to our allies and partners in the region.”

The Biden administration has been taking steps to expand its military and security relationship with Indo-Pacific nations as part of a campaign to build a stronger network of alli-



Gen. Mark Milley, center right, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, reviews Indonesian troops during a welcome ceremony Sunday in Jakarta, Indonesia. **LOLITA C. BALDOR/AP**

ances in China’s backyard and counter China’s growing influence.

Milley declined to provide specific numbers of unsafe Chinese interactions with U.S. and allied aircraft and ships. But Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, in a speech last month in Singapore, referred to an “alarming increase” in the number of unsafe intercepts by People’s Liberation Army aircraft and vessels.

Austin pointed to a February incident where a PLA navy ship directed a laser at an Australian P-8 mari-

time patrol aircraft. Also, U.S. ships are routinely dogged by Chinese aircraft and vessels during transits, particularly around man-made islands claimed by Beijing in the South China Sea.

Milley said there have been Chinese intercepts with Australia, Canada, Japan, Canada, the Philippines and Vietnam.

Milley, who met on Sunday with Gen. Andika Perkasa, chief of the Indonesian National Defence Forces, said Pacific nations like Indonesia want the

U.S. military involved and engaged in the region.

“We want to work with them to develop interoperability and modernize our militaries collectively,” Milley said, in order to ensure they can “meet whatever challenge that China poses.”

He said Indonesia is strategically critical to the region, and has long been a key U.S. partner.

China has condemned U.S. efforts to expand its outreach in the region, accusing America of trying to build an “Asian NATO.”

Biden getting better, but throat still sore from COVID-19, doctor says

By Chris Megerian
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden continues to “improve significantly” despite a lingering sore throat from his coronavirus infection, according to an update Sunday from his doctor.

“The president is responding to therapy as expected,” wrote Dr. Kevin O’Connor in his latest note. Biden has been taking Paxlovid, an antiviral drug

that helps reduce the chance of severe illness.

O’Connor wrote that Biden still has a sore throat, though other symptoms, including a cough, runny nose and body aches, “have diminished considerably.”

Biden tested positive for the coronavirus Thursday morning.

Dr. Ashish Jha, the White House COVID-19 response coordinator, said Sunday



that “it is the BA.5 variant,” a highly contagious variant spreading throughout the country.

“Thank goodness our vaccines and therapeutics work well against it, which is why I think the president’s doing well,” Jha told CBS’ “Face the Nation.”

Jha also gave a positive update on the president’s health.

“I checked in with his team late last night. He was

feeling well,” Jha said.

That variant is an offshoot of the omicron strain that emerged late last year. It is believed responsible for the vast majority of coronavirus cases in the country. Biden has been isolating in the White House residence.

Administration officials have emphasized that his symptoms are mild because he has received four vaccine doses, and he started taking Paxlovid after becoming infected.

The White House has not

released any photos or video of Biden since Friday, when the media watched him participate in a virtual meeting with economic advisers.

Jha pledged that the White House would keep giving updates on Biden’s condition and whether he might have long-term symptoms.

“We think it’s really important for the American people to know how well their president is doing,” he said. “Obviously if he has persistent symptoms, obvi-

ously if any of them interfere with his ability to carry out his duties, we will disclose that early and often with the American people.”

Biden’s press secretary, Karine Jean-Pierre, has said 17 people, including members of the president’s senior staff and one member of Congress, were determined to have been in close contact with Biden when he may have been contagious.

None has tested positive, Jha said on “Fox News Sunday.”

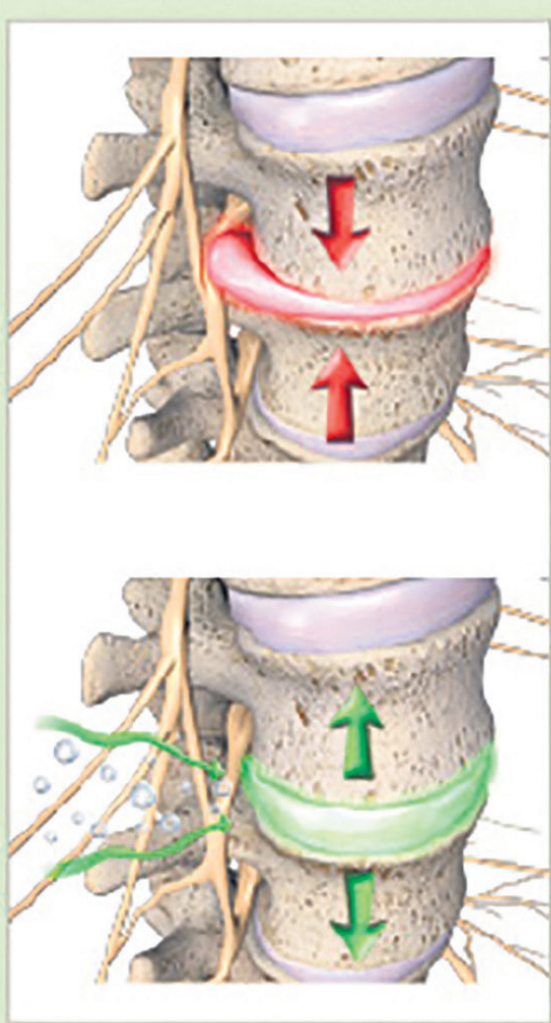
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Ukrainian servicemen prepare a weapon Sunday in the Kharkiv region. Officials said deadly Russian shelling continued across southern and eastern Ukraine. **EVGENIY MALOLETKA/AP**

WAR IN UKRAINE

Russia: Strike on Ukrainian port hit only military targets

By Susie Blann
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Russian defense officials insisted Sunday that an airstrike on the Ukrainian port of Odesa hit only military targets, but the attack tested an agreement on resuming grain shipments that the two countries signed less than a day before the assault.

Long-range missiles destroyed a docked Ukrainian warship and a warehouse holding Harpoon anti-ship missiles supplied by the U.S., Defense Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov said at a daily briefing.

Under the grain-shipment agreement obtained by The Associated Press, both Kyiv and Moscow agreed not to target vessels and port facilities involved in the initiative, including the ports of Odesa, Chernomorsk and Yuzhny.

Russia and Ukraine on Friday signed identical agreements with the United Nations and Turkey in Istanbul aimed at clearing the way for the shipment of millions of tons of desperately needed Ukrainian grain, as well as

the export of Russian grain and fertilizer.

Senior U.N. officials hoped that the deal would end a monthslong standoff that threatened food security around the globe.

Elsewhere Sunday, Ukrainian authorities reported that Russian shelling continued to kill and wound civilians in Ukraine's south and east.

The governor of the eastern Donetsk region, one of two that make up Ukraine's industrial heartland of the Donbas and a key focus of Russia's offensive, said two civilians had been killed and two more wounded over the previous 24 hours.

The U.K. military reported Sunday that Russia was making "minimal progress" in its Donbas offensive, which it said remained small-scale and focused on the city of Bakhmut in the eastern Donetsk region.

The Ukrainian military's general staff confirmed in its regular update that Russia was "conducting military operations to create conditions" for an assault on Bakhmut, while firing on

surrounding settlements and battling Ukrainian defenders for control of a nearby thermal plant.

In Ukraine's south, regional officials said that at least five civilians were wounded by Russian shells in the Black Sea port of Mykolaiv on Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Meanwhile, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov was in Cairo for talks with Egyptian officials as his country seeks to break diplomatic isolation and sanctions by the West over its invasion of Ukraine.

Lavrov landed in Cairo late Saturday on the first leg of his Africa trip, which will also include stops in Ethiopia, Uganda and Congo, according to Russia's state-run RT television network.

Speaking at a Sunday news conference following bilateral talks with his Egyptian counterpart, Lavrov said he had "reaffirmed the commitment of Russian grain exporters to fulfill all their obligations" in the wake of the U.N.-backed deal to unblock grain shipments.

Jan. 6 panel deepens inquiry of Trump Cabinet members

By Hope Yen
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House Jan. 6 committee said Sunday that it will interview more former Cabinet secretaries and is prepared to subpoena conservative activist Virginia "Ginni" Thomas, who's married to Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, as part of its investigation of the U.S. Capitol riot and Donald Trump's role.

Lawmakers said they are deepening their inquiry after eight hearings in June and July, with plans to interview additional witnesses and reconvening in September to resume laying out their findings to the public.

"We anticipate talking to additional members of the president's Cabinet," said Rep. Liz Cheney, the committee's vice chair. "We anticipate talking to additional members of his campaign."

Cheney, R-Wyo., did not identify Trump administration officials who might come forward, but the committee has previously made clear its interest in speaking with those believed to have considered invoking a constitutional process in the 25th Amendment to remove Trump from office after the riot on Jan. 6, 2021, when hundreds of Trump's supporters stormed the Capitol and interrupted the certification of Joe Biden's election.

The committee has aired testimony from former Attorney General William Barr, who said he told Trump that widespread voter fraud claims had "zero basis."

In Thursday's hearing, the committee played testimony from then-Labor Secretary Eugene Scalia, who said he urged Trump to call a Cabinet meeting to discuss an orderly transition of power.

Other Cabinet members have indicated they may



Vice Chair Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., anticipates the Jan. 6 committee will talk "to additional members" of former President Donald Trump's Cabinet. **J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP**

have important details to share.

Betsy DeVos, the education secretary at the time, previously told USA Today that she raised with Vice President Mike Pence the question whether the Cabinet should consider invoking the 25th Amendment, which would have required the vice president and the majority of the Cabinet to agree that the president could no longer fulfill his duties.

DeVos, in her resignation letter on Jan. 7, 2021, blamed Trump for inciting the mob.

On the same day that DeVos resigned, Elaine Chao quit as transportation secretary. Chao is married to Senate GOP leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky.

Mike Pompeo, then secretary of state who is considering a 2024 presidential run, and Steven Mnuchin, Trump's treasury secretary, also were reported to have discussed the possibility of invoking the 25th Amendment, according to Jonathan Karl of ABC News in his book "Betrayal."

"The floodgates have opened," said Rep. Elaine Luria, D-Va., regarding the next phase of its investigation.

Committee members also hope to learn more

about Ginni Thomas' effort to keep Trump in office and the potential conflicts of interest for Clarence Thomas as a result of Jan. 6 cases that have come before the Supreme Court. The committee sent a letter to Ginni Thomas last month seeking an interview, Cheney said.

Thomas communicated with people in Trump's orbit ahead of the 2021 attack and also on the day of the insurrection.

"We certainly hope that she will agree to come in voluntarily," Cheney said. "But the committee is fully prepared to contemplate a subpoena if she does not."

Cheney also said that while the panel hasn't decided whether to make a criminal referral regarding Trump to the Justice Department, "that's absolutely something we're looking at."

Added Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill.: "I certainly think there's evidence of crimes and I think it goes all the way up to Donald Trump."

Cheney spoke on CNN's "State of the Union" and "Fox News Sunday"; Kinzinger appeared on ABC's "This Week"; and Luria was on NBC's "Meet the Press."

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WORLD & NATION

Abortion providers feeling strained

Survey: Interstate travel for procedure affecting patients

By Margot Sanger-Katz, Claire Cain Miller and Josh Katz
The New York Times

The reversal of Roe v. Wade did not affect the legal status of abortion in New Mexico, where seven clinics are still operating. But that does not mean an abortion is easy to obtain there.

The wait times at five clinics have been at least three weeks because of an influx of women from nearby states that have banned or restricted abortion. Some clinics were so full they couldn't book new appointments. Of the other two, one serves only patients seeking medication abortion before the 11th week of pregnancy, and the other is on the border with Texas, a drive of more than six hours from some parts of New Mexico.

New Mexico has been most affected by interstate abortion travel in making appointments, according to a nationwide survey of clinics by a research team led by Caitlin Myers, a professor of economics at Middlebury College who studies the effects of reproductive policy. But the data suggest that as more bans go into effect, women who need to travel to another state for an abortion may have more difficulty getting appointments. It may even become hard for those living in some states where it remains legal.

In most of the country, the average wait time for abortions before the overturning of Roe was around five days. That has increased slightly, according to the survey, conducted July 11-14. In cities near states with bans, though, wait times were already starting to get longer, the survey found. Twenty-two percent of such clinics were booking appointments more than



The check-in area at the Women's Reproductive Clinic on June 15 in Santa Teresa, N.M., near El Paso, Texas. Abortion clinics in New Mexico are seeing more women from nearby states that have banned or restricted abortion. ROBYN BECK/GETTY-AFP

three weeks out. In cities farther from states with bans, 8% were. Thirteen percent of clinics still open were unreachable or were so full they were not taking new appointments.

"Even assuming patients can overcome the navigational barriers to get to states where abortion is legal, it is going to be incredibly difficult to provide that care to everyone," said Dr. Katherine Farris, medical director for a Planned Parenthood affiliate in the Southeast. On a recent day in Roanoke, Virginia, she saw patients from six states.

Overbooked clinics could mean patients must drive farther to find a clinic with an opening, and research has found that long driving distances decrease abortions, especially for poor women, who may struggle with the costs and complications of long journeys.

But long wait times also

mean that more abortions may be done later in pregnancy, a concern for people on both sides of the issue.

Before Roe was overturned, eight in 10 abortions in the United States were done in the first nine weeks of pregnancy — more than half of those in the first six weeks. That is likely to increase as wait times rise, providers and researchers said.

Many abortion opponents say abortions later in pregnancy are more problematic than early ones, one of the drivers behind bans that prohibit abortion after a certain number of weeks. Proponents say that forcing women who want abortions to delay having one can be harmful.

As pregnancies progress, there are fewer options. Medication abortion is approved in the United States only for use in the first 10 weeks of pregnancy. Abortions become costlier, more

medically complicated and harder to obtain in later pregnancy. Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee and Ohio now ban abortion after six weeks. The earliest that women generally find out they're pregnant is four weeks, so long wait times can mean an abortion is unavailable.

Continuing an unwanted pregnancy for weeks can also take a physical and emotional toll on women, said Dr. Lisa Hoffer, clinical vice chair for the department of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of New Mexico Center for Reproductive Health, where patients now have to wait six weeks or can't make appointments at all.

"The goal for patients and for the health care system, from a public health standpoint, is people should be able to access their abortion care as early as possible," she said.

Mike Seibel, senior counsel at Abortion on Trial, a New Mexico anti-abortion litigation group, said he worried the long waits could lead to later abortions.

But he said the stream of out-of-state women into his state may help his side persuade the public to consider abortion restrictions in a state where the government has recently expanded abortion rights. He said New Mexicans are "not happy about this abortion deluge."

The Middlebury researchers contacted every clinic in the country in March, June and July, asking for the soonest available abortion appointment for a six-week-pregnant woman. In the latest round, they found availability at 650 of the 701 open clinics (some never answered the phone). Dates were obtained online or by phone. The researchers recorded the date but did not schedule appointments. A week later, The New York Times contacted several of the clinics with long wait

times, finding similar trends.

In some states, the strain is concentrated in clinics near states with bans. Most Illinois clinics have not yet seen increased wait times. But Dr. Erin King, executive director for Hope Clinic for Women near the Missouri border, said wait times there grew to around three weeks — from one or two days — immediately after Roe was overturned. And the clinic has been forced to turn away patients.

The Planned Parenthood affiliate that operates abortion clinics in Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota expects a 25% increase in patients once more bans go into effect, but so far wait times for abortions remain around three weeks.

In states such as these, wait times have always been longer than elsewhere in the country, because many doctors work part-time, and some fly in from other states. When the doctor at the Planned Parenthood in Lincoln, Nebraska, retired in June, the clinic had to pause while it found and credentialled new providers.

"This is a problem that predates Dobbs," said Emily Bisek, a Planned Parenthood spokesperson for the region, referring to the Supreme Court case that resulted in the overturning of Roe.

Adrienne Mansanares, CEO of the Planned Parenthood affiliate in New Mexico, Nevada and Colorado, said her organization was struggling to meet demand in New Mexico.

"If we don't expand care and we don't protect care in the other states around us, it will become completely unbearable over time," she said.

However, several providers have announced plans to relocate clinics or open new ones in New Mexico. Among those are Jackson Women's Health Organization, the clinic that brought the initial suit against Mississippi's state health officer, Thomas Dobbs.

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Chelsea Johnston is opening a Simsbury early learning center that will focus 50% of the students' time outside, rain or shine. She spends Thursday morning playing with her daughter, Kylee, 4, who will be in the class of six that will start at the end of August. **DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

‘Service deserts’ put state at risk

Patchy ambulance system threatens some communities

By Stephen Underwood
Hartford Courant

When you’re having an emergency, both the speed and efficiency of medical first responders can make a difference in saving a life. But Connecticut’s patchwork of ambulance response systems and municipal underfunding create a risk of “service deserts” in some communities, according to the General Assembly’s public health committee.

The committee held an informational forum for the public on the state’s emergency medical system at the Capitol on Thursday. Among the topics discussed included statewide EMS issues, regional issues and the long-term sustainability of the emergency management system.

“Our emergency crews across the state are something we take for granted that they will always be there,” said state Rep. Jonathan Steinberg, House co-chair of the Public Health Committee. “And with each passing year we ask more and more of our emergency service workers, whether it’s putting themselves in harm’s way with encountering new factors like fentanyl or for asking them to use greater discretion in helping people identify their problems and connect with appropriate services in a way in which recidivism in decreased.”

The forum featured presentations from officials in the Department of Public Health, Connecticut Association of Paramedics and EMTs, and the Connecticut Legal Rights Project. Providers, hospitals, and state regulators spoke on the status of Connecticut’s emergency response coverage.

“I’m hoping today we can recognize the difference between communities across the state,” Steinberg said. “Even though we have an expectation for emergency services, the capabilities and resources that are available vary widely across the state with challenges posed between volunteer services and municipal services. We want to ensure communities have adequate services for many years to come.”

Data from the state’s Department of Public Health shows that the number of certified emergency medical providers in the state continues to increase. There are 28,544 certified medical emergency first responders overall in the state. In 2019 there were 13,358 certified EMTs as opposed to 17,101 in 2022. The state added 355 paramedics in the same period.

However, the Connecticut Asso-

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Using outdoors to nurture ‘play-based learning’

Simsbury mom and educator to open nature-based preschool

By Pam McLoughlin
Hartford Courant

A Simsbury mom and veteran educator is opening a nature-based preschool where the curriculum will include jumping in puddles, building snowmen, making mud pies and creating art with sticks, leaves and acorns.

“Teaching inside you don’t get to see their true character and wonder,” said Chelsea Johnston. “To let a child be a child and play outdoors is so important.”

Johnston’s new endeavor, “The Neighborhood: A Nature-Based Early Learning Center,” is an environment where students will “take the lead” in their learning with questions and observations.

“They get so much more excited about it (learning) when they feel like they’re in control,” she said. “Our main goal in early childhood education is to get children to love learning. And what better way to do that than to let them be outside?”

Johnston spent 15 years working in early childhood education as a teacher and administrator and is currently earning a master’s degree in nature-based early childhood development. She is also a state trainer in Connecticut on early learning development standards.



Kylee, the 4-year-old daughter of Chelsea Johnston, plays on the grounds that will be used for a nature-based preschool.

cut on early learning development standards.

The full day classes for 3- to 5-year-olds will open in August and, for now, will be held in a portion of her home and in the main classroom — a 7-acre yard.

“We have a lot of nature around us — hills, fields, trees,” she said.

Most nature schools are half-day, she said, but hers runs from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to accommodate teacher schedules. The preschool will cost \$1,500 per month with a 10% discount for those who pay by the trimester.

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Report finds CT colleges falling short

Rating system assesses institutions’ percentage of low-income students, economic mobility, more

By Erica E. Phillips
CT Mirror

Most of Connecticut’s colleges and universities rank below average in how well they serve low-income students, according to a new report from policy research group Third Way.

In a state that touts the quality of its educational institutions, the report shows return on investment in education for many students is falling short.

The Washington, D.C.-based think tank created its “economic mobility index” to rank the nation’s bachelors degree-granting institutions, taking into consideration factors such as the percentage of low-income students the institution serves, the average salaries



Yale University in New Haven, regularly ranked among the top schools in the nation, fell into the second tier in Third Way’s new ranking on how well schools serve low-income students. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

of those graduates and how long it takes them to pay off the cost of a degree.

Unlike traditional college rankings, which prioritize a school’s selectivity, prestige and financial resources, “this new rating system emphasizes whether or not students are being left off better than the previous generation and able to earn a decent living, pay down their educational costs and have a financially secure future,”

said Michael Itzkowitz, senior fellow at Third Way and author of the report.

In Connecticut, where several schools rank highly on U.S. News & World Report’s annual list, Third Way’s economic mobility index offers a distinct picture. Eleven of the state’s 19 institutions ranked in the bottom 40% of all schools nationwide. Yale and Wesleyan,

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Warrant provides details leading to arrest in fatal barbershop shooting

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

As Christian Feliciano walked outside a Hartford barbershop on Franklin Avenue in February, 14 gunshots rang out, leaving the 20-year-old dead on the sidewalk with his family crying out for justice after the ambush-style shooting.

“We just want [Feliciano’s mother] to have closure,” Feliciano’s aunt, Marilyn Quinone, told NBC Connecticut during a prayer vigil in February. “This lady hasn’t slept. All she does is cry. She’s a mother. She’s a mother, and like I said, she’s strong. To be standing here right now, she’s really strong.”

Five months after Feliciano’s death, the Hartford Police Department made an arrest last Monday in connection with the case, charging 23-year-old Leonardo Laboy of Hartford with murder, conspiracy to commit murder and criminal possession of a firearm.

Investigations into the February slaying revealed an ongoing feud that led police to multiple parties who may have been involved in the killing, according to an arrest warrant affidavit obtained by The Courant.

Police were dispatched to Franklin Avenue on Feb. 17 after receiving a ShotSpotter report that 14 gunshots had been fired in the area. They found a man lying on the sidewalk with a gunshot wound to the head, according to the warrant affidavit. The man, identified as Feliciano by his sister, was pronounced dead within 15 minutes of the shooting.

Police found 12 spent .40 caliber shell casings in the area near where Feliciano was found, according to the warrant.

Initial investigations pointed to the shooter firing from inside a dark-colored BMW sedan parked on Franklin Avenue, according to the warrant affidavit.

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Her husband, Brendan Pastor, who works in the human resources side of early childhood education, is also a huge fan of nature-based learning. He handles the business and marketing side of the endeavor.

“We hope to enrich a generation to come,” Pastor said. “As a child, I spent hours in the woods,” but sadly, he said, “failed to do that with our oldest children.”

Johnston first became closely acquainted with nature-based learning at a retreat during her previous stint as a curriculum director of a large preschool chain. It became her dream to open such a center.

“In early childhood education, there’s a huge academic push. It puts stress on the students [and] teachers,” she said. “I’m for play-based learning.”

Her own preschooler, 4-year-old Kylee, loves to play in the rain and will be her first enrolled student.

There’s encouragement for the young students to have freedom and express themselves, but it’s still about making sure they’re hitting educational goals like gross motor skills, problem-solving, attention and focus, Johnston said, adding that outdoor scenarios can lead to “authentic” problem solving, such as two friends moving a log out of the way.

After breakfast and a yoga session for focus, the school day will begin indoors discussing the weather, what to wear and what kind of drink — hot or cold — is best.

The children will spend at least



Chelsea Johnston said the preschool will focus 50% of the students’ time outside, rain or shine. Her daughter Kylee, 4, explores with a magnifying glass. DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT

two hours in the ever-changing outdoor environment in all kinds of weather, barring dangerous conditions such as high wind, thunder and lightning, she said. Each child will set out with a “nature backpack,” she said, containing a magnifying glass, clipboard and a journal. There will be an easel outside and a mud kitchen, where sticks, leaves, or anything else they find, can be part of the fare.

In the rain, they’ll measure inches, jump in puddles and even get some physics in there by figuring out how far they have to jump over a puddle. They’ll see the vibrancy of sidewalk chalk colors when wet. If it’s enough rain so that worms come, they will learn about the creatures.

In the snow, they will build forts, snowmen and go wherever else the imagination takes them.

In the fall, they’ll talk about trees changing colors and

animals hibernating. And in the spring, it will be a perfect time to see growth, new beginnings, birds and insects, Johnston said.

At the end of the day, there will be a “reflecting circle,” where students talk about the best part of their day. “So when they go home they can share with their families because it’s still fresh in their mind,” Johnston said.

Johnston also hopes to visit farms and other interesting locations with the kids and bring in community partners.

Former teaching colleague Krystal Pesino said Johnston will be “fabulous” leading the school.

“I have never seen children as excited to learn alongside a grown-up in their lives as I have seen children around Chelsea,” Pesino said. “She believes in the voice of the child and allowing them directionality over their learning. She is teaching them to be advocates for themselves.”

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ciation of Paramedics and EMTs expressed caution that commercial ambulance services, which the state’s 911 system was built around, have been increasingly bought up by a shrinking number of hospital networks that have seen further consolidation in recent years.

“In the last decade, many of the major commercial ambulance services that the system is built around have been bought up by the state’s hospital network,” said Ben Zura, representative for CAPE. “Ambulance services are operating in a very different system than most of us understood that they were until now. We need more information on how this is affecting the overall system. It’s a tectonic change.”

American Ambulance, AMR and Nelson are the three remaining commercial ambulance services in the state.

State Sen. Saud Anwar, Senate co-chair of the Public Health Committee, expressed optimism that the acquisition of ambulance services by larger hospital networks could benefit the state in the long run by offering greater financial stability. Zura, while also “cautiously optimistic” about the “long-term picture,” said more data is needed to fully understand this change and its effect on the system.

The greatest concern lawmakers had was with the financial difficulties affecting the volun-

teer and nonprofit ambulance services that cover many of the state’s rural communities, which were revealed in nonprofit financial reporting requirements.

“It paints a stark picture of the state of these ambulance services,” Zura said. “Many are operating in the red, which isn’t so unusual for a nonprofit, but in the context of the rest of these performance measures, it paints a scary picture. This part of the EMS system is not sustainable, and these people are doing the best that they can.”

The forum also revealed towns have not adequately funded ambulance services at the same rates they fund other essential services.

“Everybody’s trying to figure out how to fund their EMS systems at the municipal level,” said Robert Glaspy, director of external affairs for CAPE. “I’ve said it before and I’ll say it again: There are only so many spaghetti dinners and pancake breakfasts that you can hold to fund EMS.”

This lack of funding has led to several staffing issues in municipalities across the state for several years, which was only made worse by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Some towns saw a drop of half of their volunteer EMTs during this time, with up to a third in some other towns,” said Betsy Gara, executive director of the Connecticut Council of Small Towns. “This is understandable because these people were juggling with a variety of new demands including child

care and taking care of elderly parents. While understandable, this really highlighted the concerns municipal leaders are facing.”

Gara said towns have had to use creative measures to retain their volunteer workers at a time of rising fuel costs, high inflation and added stressors brought on by COVID-19.

“For municipal leaders, public safety has always been a core function of local government, and they have been trying to overcome these challenges,” Gara said. “I think increasingly you’re going to see towns will have to move to a hybrid paid volunteer system or they will have to go to a full-time paid system because it’s just so difficult to recruit and retain volunteers. Some municipalities have begun to offer increased stipends, property tax abatements and gym memberships to attract and retain more volunteers.”

Both state Sen. Anwar and state Rep. Steinberg said they hope to make these issues affecting the state’s emergency management system a high priority for next year’s legislative session including raising reimbursements.

“It is critical for us to ensure anyone in our state who needs to get emergency services be able to get high quality services that are provided in a timely fashion,” Anwar said.

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among the nation’s top private universities, fell into Third Way’s second-highest tier. Itzkowitz said that’s because the economic mobility index prioritizes access. So while Yale and Wesleyan provide strong financial support to low-income students, and alumni earn far more than the average high school graduate, less than 20% of their respective student bodies come from low-income families.

“Being more accessible to the general public is looked at as a positive rather than a negative” in Third Way’s rankings, Itzkowitz said.

Connecticut’s top-tier schools for economic mobility were Post University in Waterbury with 70% low-income students; Central Connecticut State University in New Britain with 38%; and the University of Connecticut in Storrs with 27%. (“Low income” encompassed students eligible for federal Pell grants.)

Third Way’s rankings also included a metric dubbed the “price-to-earnings premium,” which weighs graduates’ average earnings 10 years out of school against the cost of a degree.

Nathan Fuerst, vice president for enrollment planning and management at UConn, didn’t seem surprised by the findings.

“UConn is consistently recognized as a best value for a college education. The reasons are evident,” he said in an emailed statement. Fuerst also noted that many UConn students graduate on time, which keeps down costs and indebtedness.

Leigh Appleby, a spokesman for Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, which include four schools that ranked in the top three tiers in the study, said, “It should not come as a surprise that our universities score well when it comes to economic mobility, but it is a reminder of the importance of investing in public higher education.”

Sacred Heart University in Fair-

field, the University of New Haven and Mitchell College in New London were ranked in the fifth tier, the bottom 20%, of the 1,320 schools in the data set.

Jennifer Widness, president of the Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges, said she believes the Third Way report omitted an important metric: completion rates. “A number of the institutions that it ranks highly have well-below-average graduation rates. Therefore they are attracting students — many of whom are low income — who are not completing at a very high percentage,” she wrote in an email.

Connecticut’s independent colleges, which include Sacred Heart, University of New Haven and Mitchell, have above-average graduation rates for Pell-eligible students, she said. Widness added that CCIC schools collectively doubled their financial aid between 2010 and 2020, awarding \$1.24 billion in 2020.

“Private nonprofit colleges in Connecticut are investing as much as they can to make college affordable,” she said.

Itzkowitz said the purpose of the new ranking system is to call attention to colleges and universities “that have been delivering for a diverse group of students for years and doing it really well.”

He also said he hopes it might inform public and private spending. “There’s opportunity there to rethink how we allocate money to institutions of higher education,” he said.

Mark Dunn, a spokesman for Yale’s undergraduate admissions department, said his office “welcomes alternatives” to the traditional ratings. “I think policymakers, researchers, higher education leaders and the general public benefit from seeing alternative methods for comparing schools — like these new rankings from Third Way.”

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Using video from inside the barbershop and surrounding city cameras obtained over the past five months, police said two individuals walked into the barbershop the morning of the shooting from a black Saab parked outside, according to the warrant affidavit. The first to receive a haircut had a tattoo above his right eyebrow with a word or phrase in cursive and was wearing a black hoodie, blue faded jeans and white sneakers, according to the warrant. The second individual then sat down to get his hair cut after the first was done with his, the warrant affidavit said.

Shortly after, Feliciano walked into the barbershop and saw the two men, before using his cellphone and leaving the shop, according to the warrant. The man with the face tattoo, identified later as Laboy, then mouths “that’s Ki,” the nickname Feliciano was known by, to the other man. The two then begin making calls and left the shop, walking past Feliciano on the way out, the warrant said.

Feliciano was reportedly involved in an ongoing feud with a Hartford man who is allegedly a part of the “420” crew, the arrest warrant affidavit said.

The two men then drove off in the Saab, which police tracked to a Bond Street residence, where the two went inside, according to the warrant. Around 40 minutes later, Laboy was picked up from the Bond Street residence in a dark BMW by a man, later identified as 23-year-old Juan Perez of Hartford, and got into the rear right side of the car, the warrant said.

This car then traveled to Franklin Avenue where the person in the rear passenger seat allegedly shot and killed Feliciano, according to the warrant.

Police identified Laboy after matching his face tattoo of the name “Julius” to the person in the surveillance video, the warrant said. Laboy is listed as an associate of the person that Feliciano was engaged in the feud with, the warrant said.

Police had already been doing surveillance on this area and had access to a camera system near the location. Video of the area showed a person matching Laboy’s description enter the rear passenger seat of the BMW before the shooting.

According to the warrant, police that day traveled to a residence on Hillside Avenue and located a dark BMW parked in the driveway with similar damage to the driver’s side as the one caught on video in the shooting.

Detectives came in contact with Perez at the property on Hillside Avenue while trying to secure the area in advance of obtaining a search and seizure warrant, the arrest warrant said. Perez was reportedly in possession of a key

fob for the BMW and told police he did not live there but was visiting his grandmother.

He was taken to the Hartford Major Crimes Division for an interview, but the interview was stopped when he asked for an attorney, the warrant said.

A search and seizure warrant was obtained for the Hillside Avenue property, and police spoke with Perez’s grandmother, who confirmed he lived there and had a bedroom.

A search of the home yielded a Glock .40 caliber, which matched the weapon used in the shooting, in the basement and two more firearms, a ghost gun and a .45 caliber pistol, according to the warrant. Police also found two duffel bags of cannabis in Perez’s bedroom. Other evidence was also seized from his room, the warrant said.

Perez was arrested on weapons and controlled substances charges on Feb. 17, the arrest warrant said. He is due to appear in Hartford Court on Aug. 24, according to court records. He is not charged in the Feliciano case.

Police tracked down the owner of the black Saab that two men at the barbershop were seen driving in before the shooting. The owner told police she let someone named “Leo” use the vehicle to go get a haircut, according to the warrant.

Police then obtained search and seizure warrants for the BMW and the Saab to run DNA testing on swab samples retrieved from the vehicles on March 1, according to the warrant. They were able to identify that a male sample was found on the steering wheel, but a more complex sample was required to fully identify a match, the warrant said. Police obtained a search and seizure warrant for a DNA sample from Perez later that month.

According to the warrant, DNA from the .40 caliber handgun was a likely match to Perez, Laboy and an unknown source. DNA from the steering wheel was a likely match to Perez and an unknown source. Shell casings found at the scene were compared to shell casings test fired from the .40 caliber and were also a match, the warrant said.

Laboy was not immediately identified, according to the warrant. He was arrested for unrelated charges on May 14. Laboy was taken to the Hartford Police Major Crimes Division, and police attempted to interview him. He declined and requested an attorney, according to the warrant.

Laboy was previously convicted of a felony in March 2018, according to court records. This would render him ineligible to possess a handgun in Connecticut, according to state statutes.

Laboy is being held in lieu of \$1 million bail and is scheduled to appear in Hartford court on Aug. 4, according to court records.

Perez is represented by attorney Michael Chambers, who could not be reached for immediate comment.

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A game changer for youth mental health crisis

By **Natisha Hiedeman and Rebekah Roulrier**

We’ve all seen the devastating headlines and reports, learned of the untold number of children sleeping in emergency room corridors awaiting beds at treatment centers, and have witnessed the crushing impact the pandemic and other world crises continue to have on the mental health of our youth. The situation is so dire that in October the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, and Children’s Hospital Association issued a declaration of a national emergency in child and adolescent mental health. Two months later, the U.S. surgeon general released an advisory warning of the devastating youth mental health crisis, citing rising rates of depression and suicide. It is inconceivable that suicide is now the second leading cause of death among children ages 10 to 14. A key concept of Harvard University’s Center on the Developing Child is toxic stress. Research on the biology of stress

shows that healthy development can be derailed by excessive or prolonged activation of stress response systems in the body and brain, and such toxic stress can have damaging effects on learning, behavior and health across the lifespan. How we handle this historic youth mental health crisis will impact the rest of their lives. Fortunately, there are ways to help reverse the impact of stress; early detection and intervention are key. One of the best places to achieve this is in schools. About 75% of children receive their mental health services in schools, and they are six times more likely to complete treatment and programs there. Fortunately, there are numerous congressional bills being undertaken to incorporate more mental health programs and services into schools. And today, there are newer, inventive ways to engage youth with therapy that takes place outside of traditional clinical settings in an effort to lower dropout rates. One way is through sports. Sports are an ideal intervention and can be fun, engaging

and motivating — and instrumental to ensuring kids keep coming back. It’s cooperative and requires peers to navigate difficult social situations and to establish rapport with their coach, an authority figure and mentor. Because it’s skill-based, kids can build competence and self-esteem, and because it’s goal-directed, it requires using high cognitive functions of foresight, planning, impulse, inhibition and assessment of consequences. It’s easy to disseminate, and interventionists can be nonclinical individuals with fundamental training, making it economical to deliver. For that reason, increasingly schools, community centers and treatment settings are embedding individual and group sport-based therapies into their curricula where clinicians, aka coaches, lead sessions in a gym or on a field. The successful approach fosters openness and trust, and enables new life skills and learning teamwork with the benefits of physical activity, which also strengthen mental health. While the students are the focus of the work, the

positive impact reaches their families, and ultimately whole communities. With that said, team sports through schools, town recreation and leagues that don’t integrate formal therapeutics, when intentionally designed and supported by trained coaches, can be a safe space, with safe people. It’s an environment where many youth form bonds of friendship, trust and support. For some, it’s an escape. Studies reveal that youth mental health is positively impacted by team sports; that kids are likely to have less anxiety, depression, withdrawal, social problems and attention deficits. And coaches, who are typically looked up to, often get to know their players not only as athletes but as people with lives and challenges off the field. With some training on fundamental and trauma-informed mental health skills, they are well-positioned to identify issues and take action to help their athletes get the support they need. Nelson Mandela was an enormous supporter of sports and youth, and summarized it at the inaugural Laureus World Sports

Awards in 2000: “Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand.” The world has changed dramatically over the past several years, bringing challenge and disruption to life. But hope prevails, much of which emanates from our youth. Many have become leaders at remarkably young ages, aiming to preserve democracy, human rights and decency, and the precious planet. We need to do our part to ensure they succeed by seeing that they receive the crucial care necessary to heal them from the recent past. Their mental and physical health, and futures, depend on it. It’s possible, and worth every ounce of effort required. *Natisha Hiedeman is a player with the Connecticut Sun of the WNBA. Rebekah Roulrier is the deputy director of Doc Wayne Youth Services in Boston, a nonprofit whose sport-infused therapies improve mental health.*



“While local papers have struggled to remain economically viable for years, Big Tech monopolies such as Alphabet and Meta — through sites such as Google News and Facebook News — have dominated the news and publishing industries by expropriating the work of smaller and local operators,” writes Douglas Schoen. **DAVID GOLDMAN/AP**

Journalism Competition and Preservation Act is something Americans seem to want

By **Douglas Schoen**

In the coming weeks a group of bipartisan senators will advance a long-overdue reform that is designed to restore fairness to America’s most vital — yet endangered — industries: news, publishing and journalism. Co-sponsored by Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., and Sen. John Kennedy, R-La., the legislation — The Journalism Competition and Preservation Act — creates a “safe harbor” for news publishers to negotiate fair terms for use of their content by Big Tech companies on online platforms such as Facebook News, Google News and social media generally. While local papers have struggled to remain economically viable for years, Big Tech monopolies such as Alphabet and Meta — through sites such as Google News and Facebook News — have dominated the news and publishing industries by expropriating the work of smaller and local operators. The worst part? Under current U.S. antitrust laws, Big Tech’s market manipulation is completely legal. The JCPA would change that and help usher in a new era of fairness for journalists and news publishers alike. Recent modifications to the bill have increased the chances of its successful passage — including the introduction of a measure to placate union concerns as well as a measure to ensure that dark-money organizations like the Russian

state-controlled television network do not inadvertently benefit. Currently, Sen. Klobuchar is reportedly working to schedule a bill markup of the JCPA with Senate Judiciary Chair Dick Durbin, D-Ill. As lawmakers evaluate the JCPA’s practical and political merit leading up to the vote, members of both parties would be wise to consider the findings of my firm’s recent public opinion polling on the subject, which found broad-based support for the JCPA as well as for general reforms to rein in Big Tech and save local journalism. Having conducted several polls on the subject within the last couple of months — nationally in early April and statewide in Louisiana and Colorado in late May — on behalf of the News Media Alliance, it’s clear that reining in Big Tech is an enduring hot-button issues for Americans. Importantly, Congress passing the JCPA was supported by a strong majority of Americans nationally (70%) when the question was asked in early April, and by similarly strong majorities of both Coloradoans (69%) and Louisianans (64%) two months later. Likewise, approximately two-thirds of respondents in all three surveys said it was important for Congress to pass the JCPA, and roughly 7 in 10 agreed that “elected officials who oppose the JCPA are allowing Big Tech companies to continue manipulating the news and publishing indus-

tries for their own gain, leaving small and local publishers powerless.” Notably, all three constituencies surveyed also indicated that a political candidate’s support for the JCPA could impact their vote in an election. By roughly a 4-to-1 margin, Americans surveyed in April — and similar shares of Coloradoans and Louisianans polled in May — would be more likely, rather than less likely, to back candidates for Congress who support the JCPA. Ultimately, the uniformity of our findings nationally, in Colorado and in Louisiana — even though the polls were taken two months apart at a time when other national crises such as inflation and rising crime were metastasizing — is indicative of the momentum behind this issue. Indeed, our national poll revealed widespread public concern over Big Tech companies having too much power in the news and publishing industries (79%) and manipulating these industries for their own gain (78%). The statewide polls conducted nearly two months later in Colorado and Louisiana yielded similar findings. The public is also deeply worried about local journalism’s survival, as Americans (83%), Coloradoans (86%) and Louisianans (79%) broadly believe this is important. Yet, roughly three-quarters of respondents in all three surveys agree that Big Tech’s monopoly over the news and publishing industries

poses a direct threat to these small and local operators. Thus, in addition to backing the JCPA specifically, the public also broadly supports Congress acting in a more general way to curb Big Tech’s undue influence over news and publishing in order to make these industries fairer for small and local publications. Eighty-one percent of Americans, 77% of Coloradoans and 72% of Louisianans agree with a statement to this effect: “Congress needs to rein in Big Tech by passing reforms that would make the publishing industry fairer for smaller media entities and local operators.” In my experience as a professional pollster who has worked in the industry for more than 40 years, it is rare for an issue or reform to garner this level of consistent and broad-based support with Americans across the country. The collective American public wants to rein in Big Tech, and elected officials from both parties have an opportunity to deliver on targeted reforms — by advancing the JCPA — which our data indicates would also have a demonstrably positive electoral impact for these members. These findings present a call to action to our leaders, who now have a clear mandate from their constituents to rein in Big Tech and save local journalism by passing the JCPA into law.

Douglas Schoen is a longtime political consultant.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why is Griner still in Russia?
Brittney Griner has been held in Russia since Feb. 17. Am I the only one who thinks if she were Tom Brady, Phil Mickelson or Aaron Judge, she’d be back in the U.S. by now?
Christine Moulis, Bristol

Read Supreme Court ruling before commenting
A good citizen is an informed citizen. Being informed requires more effort than simply tuning into your preferred political media platform. It was obvious from watching the splitting pundits on the left and right excoriating the recent Supreme Court rulings that they had either not read the Court’s opinions or were intentionally mischaracterizing the Court’s reasoning and rulings. Do yourself a favor: Before running off to the next “pack the Court” rally, take a few moments to read the text of Court’s opinions.
David Walpole, Glastonbury

Stop whining and don’t waste your money
For everyone who complains about inflation and how tough it is to get by, how many of you go to Dunkin’ Donuts every morning for breakfast or coffee? Go out to lunch and buy an \$8 sandwich and 32-ounce soda? Drink bottled water? Go out to dinner and then not take home the leftovers? Have cable TV with 500 channels? Keep your heat at 72 in your McMansion? Drive 75 mph while complaining about \$5 gas? Did your parents or grandparents waste money like this? Somehow they survived and were better off for doing so. Stop whining and stop wasting money.
Jeff O’Donnell, Southington

Please keep printing more helpful, factual news
Thank you Courant editorial board for the article “A look at abortions by the numbers.” The facts prove how most abortions are performed prior to the first 13 weeks, not some big robust babies torn out of the womb as the anti-abortion crowd would like their followers to believe. The information explains how the number of teen pregnancies has dropped dramatically since the passing of Griswold vs. Connecticut allowed contraception to be sold. (It should be free as part of health insurance.) The comparison of numbers of abortions over time and how most are performed was enlightening and informative. Please continue this type of factual news for all subjects important today, like gun deaths, burning of this planet and more.
Pam Bergren, Glastonbury

CONSUMER NEWS

Rosé ‘has become a lifestyle’

Wölffer Estate has ridden the rosé renaissance of the past 15 years

By Alex Williams
The New York Times

“I hate the word ‘trend,’ ” said Joey Wölffer, an owner of the Hamptons winery Wölffer Estate, known for its rosé. It is a surprising statement from someone who makes one of the most ubiquitous beverages in the Hamptons and beyond. But Wölffer has been at it for a while.

When Wölffer Estate started making rosé in the early 1990s, many wine snobs in this country still associated the pink variety with sweet, budget-priced offerings like white zinfandel “blush” wines, Wölffer said, considering them not much more elegant than a cheap wine cooler.

“Nobody was drinking it,” Wölffer, 40, said on a recent Monday, enjoying a lunch of curried chicken on the patio of the estate’s tasting room in Sagaponack, New York, gazing at the rows of budding grape vines that stretched lavishly toward the horizon. “Young people weren’t drinking it. Young people weren’t drinking wine.”

They are now. Wölffer Estate has ridden the rosé renaissance of the past 15 years, and also helped drive it. In 2014, according to the company, Wölffer sold 1,530 cases of its signature line, “Summer in a Bottle,” a crisp rosé in a clear bottle decorated with a whimsical explosion of wildflowers and butterflies. Last year, the winery sold 69,000 cases of “Summer in a Bottle,” and this year is on pace to sell 73,000 cases, along with 35,000 cases

of a new rosé imported from France, “Summer in a Bottle Côtes de Provence.”

Wölffer’s rosés — the company now has eight varieties — have become a fixture at backyard parties and beach picnics, a symbol of languid days on Long Island’s South Fork. For the young summer-share crowd, rosé has become a stylish alternative to beer or hard seltzer.

The winery, too, has become a scene for its luxury-SUV-owning patrons and the many visitors that flock to the beach all summer. On weekend evenings, gaggles of clean-cut couples and incognito celebrities turn out in pastel shorts and floral-print sundresses to lounge on the grass behind the Wölffer Wine Stand on the south side of the property, sipping rosé while their children frolic to live music.

“Rosé,” Wölffer said, “has become a lifestyle.”

Hobby wine to vineyard estate

A fashion executive, Wölffer runs her own fashion label, Joey Wölffer Reworked, with a boutique in Sag Harbor, the town where she lives with her husband, Max Rohn (the chief executive of Wölffer), and their two daughters. (Wölffer owns and operates Wölffer Estate with her half brother, Marc Wölffer, who grew up in Germany and still lives in Europe.)

Her father, Christian Wölffer, who died in 2009, was a German-born venture capitalist who made his fortune in real estate. Her mother, Naomi



Wölffer Estate’s signature “Summer in a Bottle” rosé is seen May 25 in New York. LINDSAY MORRIS/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Marks Wölffer, is a former jewelry designer for Harry Winston and an heiress of the Marks & Spencer retail fortune.

Wölffer knows her life appears to be a Town & Country spread come to life.

“There is an element of luck to be born into this world, I’m fully aware,” she said.

That doesn’t mean she’s always comfortable. “I’m a personality that has super-high highs and super-low lows,” she said. A maximalist and a multitasker by nature, she speaks in a torrent of words and finds the idea of relaxation — even on a beach chair, magazine in hand — alien.

Part of her drive comes from her father, who had the vision for the winery and conjured it from a soggy potato field, planting his first vines in 1988, after moving the family from the Upper East Side.

A life in the family business was the last thing Joey Wölffer expected. “I wanted to get as far away as possible,” she said.

After graduating from Vanderbilt University in 2004, Joey Wölffer headed to London, where she landed a job as a designer for Meems Ltd. Two years later, Wölffer returned to Manhattan and was working as trend director for Jones Group, a casual wear and accessories company, when her father died in a swimming accident on vacation in Brazil.

At first, she had no interest in a career in wine. “I didn’t want to live my dad’s dream,” she said. “I wanted to live my own.”

Ultimately, however, the family legacy proved too strong. In 2013, she and Marc Wölffer took over Wölffer Estate. They had one major asset: Roman Roth, Wölffer’s German-born winemaker, who

had been there from the beginning, and had scored 90-plus scores from Wine Spectator for his high-end chardonnays and merlots.

A rosé hotbed miles from Manhattan

From the beginning, Christian Wölffer and Roth were committed to making rosé, believing that the East End terroir was perfect to produce an “elegant, fun and versatile rosé that would be perfect for cocktail parties out East,” Roth said.

The Wölffers saw an opportunity to rebrand the Hamptons as a rosé hotbed. That meant rebranding the wines themselves, framing rosé as, essentially, a glass of liquid sunshine.

With Joey Wölffer serving as chief brand officer, Wölffer Estates rolled out a rosé cider, a festive alternative to hard seltzer for the summer-share crowd on the East End.

In 2013, Wölffer followed with “Summer in a Bottle,” with its made-for-Instagram design and name that distilled the ethos of rosé into four words.

So far, however, not much has slowed Wölffer’s momentum. Its eight rosés now account for 70% of its revenues, the company said.

“Seventy-thousand cases is just an extraordinary amount of wine for a small estate,” said Kristen Bieler, a senior editor at Wine Spectator, who oversees coverage of the rosé market. She credited Wölffer as “an early pioneer, committed to producing dry rosé in the mid-’90s, long before it was fashionable.”

“Their rosés,” she added, “have become summertime staples, synonymous with the Hamptons luxury lifestyle for wine drinkers far beyond the borders of these elite hamlets.”

Vinyl record demand spinning to new heights

Manufacturing base is having to reinvent itself to meet needs

By David Sharp
Associated Press

The arrival of the compact disc nearly killed off record albums, with vinyl pressing machines sold, scrapped and dismantled by major record labels.

Four decades later, with resuscitated record album sales producing double-digit annual growth, manufacturers are rapidly rebuilding an industry to keep pace with sales that reached \$1 billion last year.

Dozens of record-pressing factories have been built to try to meet demand in North America — and it’s still not enough.

The industry “has found a new gear, and is accelerating at a new pace,” said Mark Michaels, CEO and chairman of United Record Pressing, the nation’s largest record producer, in Nashville, Tennessee.

Demand for vinyl records has been growing in double-digits for more than a decade and mass merchandisers like Target were bolstering their selection of albums just as the pandemic provided a surprising jolt. With music tours canceled, and people stuck at home, music lovers began snapping up record albums at an even faster pace. Record album sales revenue grew a whopping 61% in 2021 — and reached \$1 billion for the first time since the 1980s — far outpacing growth rates for paid music subscriptions and streaming services like Spotify and Pandora, according to the Recording Industry Association of America.

Record albums nearly spun into oblivion with sales overtaken by cassettes before the compact discs brushed both aside. Then



Tyler Bryant listens to finished records for flaws in a quality control room June 23 at the United Record Pressing facility in Nashville, Tenn. MARK HUMPHREY/AP

came digital downloads and online piracy, Apple iPods and 99-cent downloads. Streaming services are now ubiquitous.

But nostalgic baby boomers who missed thumbing through record albums in their local record stores helped to fuel a vinyl resurgence that started about 15 years ago. It coincided with the launch of Record Store Day to celebrate indie record stores, said Larry Jaffee, author of “Record Store Day: The Most Improbable Comeback of the 21st Century.”

These days, though, it’s more than just boomers.

A younger generation is buying turntables and albums — and cassette tapes, too — and a new generation of artists like Adele, Ariana Grande and Harry Styles have been moving to vinyl, Jaffee

noted.

In Pittsburgh, taxi driver Jamila Grady is too young, at age 34, to remember the heyday of record stores.

But she finds records to be irresistible. She created wall art from some of the album covers from nearly 50 albums she’s bought since 2019, starting with “Lemonade” by Beyonce. She acknowledges it’s an indulgence since she already listens to music through SoundCloud, Apple Music and Pandora.

“For record players, there’s something so beautiful about taking the record, putting it on the player and dropping the needle,” she said.

Manufacturers had to start nearly from scratch.

The major labels shuttered their plants long ago, but new ones are coming online. Record makers

launching over the past 10 to 15 years include Toronto-based Precision Record Pressing, Memphis Record Pressing, Cleveland’s Gotta Groove Records and Kansas’ Quality Record Pressing.

Jack White of The White Stripes opened his own vinyl pressing plant, Third Man Pressing, in 2017 in Detroit, and pleaded with the major record labels to reopen manufacturing facilities.

There are now about 40 plants in the U.S. — most of them smaller operations — but challenges remain.

Nationwide, backlogs are six to eight months because of growing demand, and supply chain disruptions of raw materials, including vinyl polymers, have caused problems, Michaels said.

It’s not easy to launch a

new pressing plant because there are only a handful of companies — none in the U.S. — that make record-pressing machines. Those machines are back-ordered as well.

No one knows the ceiling for record growth because of the constrained supply, said Chris Brown, vice president for finance at Bull Moose Records, a record store chain in New England.

New releases often fail to meet demand, and reorders take even longer, leaving little capacity for lesser-known eclectic albums, he said.

“Part of the fun of collecting records is being surprised,” he said. “But midlevel stuff doesn’t get printed, or there’s a long wait.”

People in the business are excited about the

growth, and it’s almost like “printing money” for manufactures as sales soar to new heights every year, said Bryan Ekus, president of Making Vinyl.

No one knows how long the run will continue, so there’s a sense that “we should make hay while the sun shines,” Ekus said.

In Nashville, United Record Pressing launched in 1949 and never stopped producing records. It’s currently in the midst of a \$15 million expansion that will triple its capacity in the middle of next year.

Michaels can’t help but to wonder how long the double-digit growth can be sustained, but he said he’s optimistic about the future.

“I believe in music and I believe in the importance of music in people’s lives. I don’t think that changes,” he said.

CONSUMER NEWS

How Nike won the cultural marathon

By Vanessa Friedman
The New York Times

For its 50th anniversary this year, Nike could have done a lot of things. It could have done what many fashion brands do and had a series of enormous parties in multiple capitals around the world with special guests like LeBron James and Billie Eilish and Naomi Osaka and Travis Scott, all of whom work with the brand. It could have issued a limited-edition coffee-table tome full of glossy photos of sneakers treated like art. It could have created “50 and Fabulous” merchandise (or something).

But Nike has done none of that. In fact, the only sort-of anniversary thing it has done thus far is roll out the old Spike Lee character Mars Blackmon, the better to illustrate a new “anthem” called “Seen It All,” and suggest that, actually, we haven’t. Which may be something of the truth — if there’s one thing you learn in both sports and fashion, it’s that there is always someone coming up behind you — and also something of a humble brag.

Because after a half-century there is no escaping the fact that, if Goldman Sachs was once described as the “vampire squid” on the face of humanity, Nike has become part of the root system that underlies the culture. And not just sneaker culture.

Nike, named for the Greek goddess of victory, has become not just the most valuable apparel brand in the world. It is part of the movies we watch, the songs we hear, the museums we frequent, the business we do.

It is, said Robert Goldman, co-author of “Nike Culture: The Sign of the Swoosh” and professor emeritus at Lewis & Clark College, “an emblem of individuality, in an age



As Nike reaches its golden anniversary, it’s worth considering how the swoosh became the branding earwig of the millennium, tunneling into our brains to colonize our imaginations. **NIKE**

where individuality has become rampant” that also happens to be one that can be read by the masses.

Forget Niketown. To a certain extent we are all citizens of Nikeland now.

It has its founding fathers: Phil Knight, a former University of Oregon runner, and Bill Bowerman, his college coach. It has an anthem: “Just Do It,” introduced in 1988. Most of all, maybe, it has an emblem.

Just Do It

Ask people who work at Nike or with Nike why they wanted to join the company, and many will start by telling you about their childhood.

John Hoke, the chief design officer of Nike, who has been with the company 30 years, was a preteen when he wrote a letter to Knight offering a new shoe design, and got a note and a pair of waffle trainers in return.

Virgil Abloh, the late Off-White and Louis Vuitton designer whose reinvention of Nike’s most famous shoes applied a Warholian approach to sneakers, used to talk about sleeping with a pair of Jordan 5s “at the end of the bed just so I could see it in

the morning” when he was growing up. Yoon Ahn, the designer behind Japanese streetwear brand Ambush who has been working with Nike since 2018, said that Nikes were the first pair of shoes she bought with her own money. She now has a storage room full of them.

It is a reflection of the way the company has woven itself into the social memory bank.

In 1992, Knight gave an interview to Harvard Business Review in which he said one of Nike’s biggest breakthroughs was — not the waffle sole or the Air Force 1 or the Air Jordan or Flyknit but — the realization that they weren’t just selling sneakers.

Created by Carolyn Davidson, a recent graphic design graduate of Portland State University, and trademarked in 1971, the swoosh was supposed to be a nod to Nike’s wings, but also a subconscious reference to a check mark. And while it was originally treated with some suspicion by Knight, who thought it looked like “a big comma,” according to Goldman, it has morphed, he said, “from a sort of meaningless smudge” into an emblem swollen with associations.

That’s why, as Nike

embraced the heroic in the form of Michael Jordan, its first and most significant partner, giving him control over his own brand in a way no sports star had had before; as they famously bought up athletes and teams and sliced and diced their specialties into sports, they did something else: They wooed an entire universe of non-sport subcultures. And subcultures created sneakerheads. The swoosh became their not-so-secret sign.

The OG sneakerhead

It’s possible that the first public sneakerhead was actually the goggle-eyed New York Knicks fan Mars Blackmon, played by Lee in Air Jordans and a Brooklyn cycling cap, in Lee’s 1986 film “She’s Gotta Have It.”

The character’s obsession with his Airs, which he wore in bed, caught the eye of Nike’s ad gurus, who asked the indie Lee to make some commercials with Jordan. It was a pairing that transcended sport and film to create a new kind of franchise.

“They realized something was going on,” said Fraser Cooke, a former DJ and hairdresser who had co-founded FootPatrol, one of the early cult sneaker

stores in London. Jordan plus Lee led to urban communities, and urban communities were birthing hip-hop, and hip-hop culture was on its way to becoming “the dominant subculture,” complete with Nikes as part of the dress code. Suddenly sneaker executives started to think like social anthropologists.

Cooke met Mark Parker, then Nike’s CEO, in 2003, when Parker and a few other colleagues were on a covert tour of London’s underground. Shortly thereafter, Nike offered him a job as what amounts to an ambassador of edge.

“My job was to work with outsiders,” said Cooke, who now has the very elaborate (and constantly changing) title of senior director, global special projects and catalyst brand management.

Since then, he has been responsible for bringing in a host of edgy, not-part-of-sports names with their own followings: Comme des Garçons, Riccardo Tisci (starting when he was at Givenchy), Kim Jones of Dior, Abloh (long before he was a twinkle in Louis Vuitton’s eye), Chitose Abe of Sacai. Catalyst brand management also spearheads relationships with

other nontraditional Nike partners like Scott, Drake and Eilish.

There is no finish line

“It’s ingeniously aligned with almost every super-important cultural moment and person,” said Brahm Wachter, the head of streetwear and modern collectibles at Sotheby’s. It can toggle from Nyjah Huston to “Forrest Gump”; Mia Hamm to “Lost in Translation.”

From the Met Gala, courtesy of Serena Williams, who wore a pair of chartreuse Nike x Off-White “Air” Jordans with her flower-sprinkled yellow Versace gown to co-host in 2019, to fronting Colin Kaepernick after he took a knee during the national anthem.

There’s a through line to that from Jordan’s first Air Jordans, which were banned from the basketball court for not adhering to the NBA dress code. At the time, Knight told the Harvard Business Review the ban “was great! We actually welcome the kind of publicity that pits us against the establishment, as long as we know we’re on the right side of the issue.”

The irony is, of course, that at this point Nike pretty much is the establishment. It is, Wachter said, “part of our heritage.”

That is why of all the footwear Sotheby’s has sold since it decided in 2020 to create a sneaker category and hold regular auctions is about 95% Nikes. It is why the most expensive shoe ever sold at auction is a Nike. And why there are Nikes in the permanent collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Nike has become, Goldman said, “a consumer product that somehow appears to challenge the idea of consumerism.” That makes it awfully close, he said, to “the modern condition.”

SAVVY SHOPPER

Brands have become big stars onscreen

Rise of streaming has led to an explosion in product placement

By Sophie Haigney
The New York Times

Refrigerators aren’t movie stars, but they can pose a particular problem when they have a cameo onscreen. When Larry David casually opens the door in “Curb Your Enthusiasm,” those shelves need to be full of food and drink, and each one of those items is likely to have a brand. Maybe there will even be a box of Cheerios on top of it, as in a recent episode of “Euphoria.” The fridge itself will have a brand, too, of course. All of this must usually be negotiated through carefully considered placements that give these products their 15 seconds (or less) of fame.

Product placement has long been a feature of Hollywood. Seeking a boost in brand recognition and association with cool characters, makers of beverages and cars, especially, have for decades paid or engaged in a quid pro quo to get their products into films. The first documented example was in 1896, when the Lumière brothers, often credited as the earliest filmmakers, agreed to feature soap in their film “Washing Day in Switzerland.”

But the rise of streaming has led to an explosion in product placement. Brands are looking for new ways to get eyeballs on their products, and productions are looking for creative ways to offset costs. Product placement is now a \$23 billion industry, up by an esti-

mated 14% since 2020.

“People aren’t paying attention to ads,” said Mike Proulx of the research consultancy Forrester. In a recent survey conducted by the group, only 5% of adults online in the United States said they rarely skipped ads; 74% said they often did. “It’s the holy grail for a brand to be integrated into the actual content itself.”

But product placement, often maligned for its obviousness, has to walk a thin line between showing off the product and fading seamlessly into the background. “It has to be executed in a way that doesn’t feel like an advertisement,” Proulx said.

Will all of this placement have an impact when viewers hit the grocery store aisle?

Agencies like Hollywood Branded connect the brands they represent with scriptwriters, producers, set decorators and prop masters, who might in turn work them into storylines.

“Products are part of our lives; they just are,” said Stacy Jones, Hollywood Branded’s chief executive. “Say you have a Montblanc pen; you automatically think, that character has a pen worth hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars.”

Quid pro quo

The majority of product placement in film and television, Jones said, happens on a quid pro quo basis rather than in exchange for payment. A car company might lend an expensive

car to a set in exchange for an appearance in the show, or S’well water might mail a case of bottles to prop-masters for consideration.

There are paid placements, too, but particularly with large streaming companies like Netflix and HBO, it’s more frequently a matter of finagling loan-and-trade agreements to reduce production budgets.

Ruby Moshlak, a self-identified prop mistress on the sets of television shows and films, is often working on a tight budget to create a realistic fictional world.

She described a delicate dance of finding the right object for the right character, like which car Queen Latifah should drive on “The Equalizer.” “The Jaguar crossover SUV really suited the character well,” Moshlak said. “It’s kind of a mom car but still pretty cool, with retail value under \$50,000, which is of upper-middle class but not anything so different than the sedan.” Moshlak was able to get it free, in exchange for the exposure.

Which is not to say that product placement always

goes smoothly. Blatant product placement can both hurt a plotline and strain credibility.

“If James Bond were shown drinking only milk, or getting in a Ford Fiesta and not an Aston Martin, viewers would feel that crossed some kind of line,” said June Deery, a professor of media studies at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute who has studied the commercialization of American media. Also, the constraints associated with specific contracts can be creatively limiting.

The success of product placement as a marketing strategy relies on the interplay between the suspended reality onscreen and the free market economy of the offscreen world. It became obvious just how powerful this exchange can be when a character on “And Just Like That” had a heart attack while riding a Peloton — causing the real-life brand’s stock to plunge.

On the flip side, the breakfast brand Eggo was reinvigorated when it was featured on the series “Stranger Things” as a key plot point. (After some years of lagging sales, there

was reportedly a 14% spike after the show’s first season aired.)

More than a prop

While traditional product placement was oriented mostly around objects, less tangible brands are also seeking placements. The real estate search site Zillow, for instance, approached Branded Entertainment Network roughly six years ago about making its way into scripts. “Zillow is really looking to capitalize on life change — marriage, moving, a new job, things like that,” said Erin Schmidt, chief product placement officer at Branded Entertainment Network, another agency that helps to coordinate product placement. “So we just go to the creator community and bring that essence to them, and then they’ll come to us and say: ‘I have this great opportunity in which a character is moving to Chicago for a new job. Maybe we can bring Zillow in there.’”

The site ended up in “Grace and Frankie,” “Never Have I Ever,” “Sweet Magnolias” and “Clifford the Big Red Dog,”

among others — and the agency experimented with different strategies for working it in.

Tech companies are experimenting with tools to place products into shows that have already been taped and AI solutions that could, for example, swap one brand of alcohol for another — essentially selling placements like ad space for different markets.

At an industry conference in May, Amazon announced that it would be experimenting with a beta version of “virtual product placement,” which the company is testing in shows like “Reacher,” “Jack Ryan,” and the “Bosch” franchise.

“It creates the ability to film your series without thinking about all that is required with traditional placements during production,” Henrik Bastin, chief executive of Fabel Entertainment and executive producer of “Bosch: Legacy,” said at the conference. “Instead, you can sit with the final cut and see where a product could be seamlessly and naturally integrated into the storytelling.”



James Bond, played by Daniel Craig, drives an Aston Martin DBS in “Casino Royale.” **ASTON MARTIN/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

OBITUARIES BY TOWN

- Avon**
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- Farmington**
Lillian Bedig
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- Other Towns in CT**
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- Portland**
Joseph Organek

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OBITUARIES

Bedig, Lillian

Lillian Bedig, 90, passed away on June 29, 2022 in Farmington. She was predeceased by her parents, Abraham and Mary Hoyan Bedig and by her younger sister Lucy. Lillian was a graduate of Hartford Public High School and Hillyer College. As a legal secretary she became the office manager for Judge Cutler. Ballet was one of her favorite interests, as well as volunteering at the Hill- Stead Museum, watching vintage movies, coloring pictures, taking yoga classes and enjoying long walks. She was a faithful member of First Church of Christ Congregational at 75 Main Street, Farmington, CT, where her Memorial Service will be held on July 28th at 1:00 PM in its Porter Memorial Hall. Please share online expressions of sympathy, memories or photo tributes at www.rosehillfuneralhomes.com

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Organek, Joseph

 Joseph R. Organek, age 84 of Avon, formerly of Portland, passed away on August 29th, 2021. He was the son of the late Joseph and Josephine (Jagoda) Organek. Born on October 21, 1936 in Middletown, he lived in Portland for most of his life until moving to Avon. He was a graduate of Bryant College and worked for Northeast Utilities for 35 years until his retirement. He served as an investigator for the military police in the U.S Army from 1958 to 1960 in Korea. He was on the Republican Town Committee of Columbia, CT and the Inlands Wetlands Commission of Portland. He enjoyed fly fishing and was also the owner of Poverty Hill Christmas Tree Farm. He leaves his daughters, Melissa Organek Dupree of South Portland, ME, and Kelly Organek of Naples, FL, brothers, Ronald Organek of Middletown, and William Organek of Fort Mills, SC, sister, Barbara Hetrick of West Hartford, grandchildren, Calvin and Joseph Dupree and several nieces and nephews. Calling hours will be held at the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St, Portland, on Friday, July 29th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm, followed by a private burial for family. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, July 30th starting at noon at the pavilion at the Salmon River State Forest. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the #3 Volunteer Fire Department of Portland.

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The Zakir family — father Yusuf, from left; son Burhanuddi; Yusuf’s niece, Insiya Maimoon; daughter Jumana; and mother Fareeda — watch an episode of “Ms. Marvel” on July 8. **JAE C. HONG/AP**

Seeing an on-screen reflection

Relatability of ‘Ms. Marvel’ and its portrayal of families strike a chord with South Asian Muslims in the West

By Deepa Bharath and Mariam Fam | Associated Press

Jumana Zakir knows who she is going to be for Halloween this year. Hint: Her new favorite superhero is a lot like her — female, teen, Muslim, American and “totally awesome.”

“Kamala Khan is me,” said the exuberant 13-year-old from Anaheim, California. “She is just like me.”

Khan is the Marvel Cinematic Universe’s first Muslim superhero to headline her own television show. “Ms. Marvel,” which recently concluded on Disney+, has struck a chord with South Asian Muslims in the West because of its relatability and how it portrays Muslim families. Advocates for inclusion and representation hope the show will open the door to more nuanced on-screen portrayals of Muslims and

their rich diversity.

The show tells the story of Khan, played by Pakistani Canadian actor Iman Vellani, getting her powers from a magical bangle that allows her to walk on air and conjure glowing light shields. But she is also a regular South Asian Muslim teen who goes to mosque, performs wudu or ritual ablution before praying, sometimes wears traditional attire called shalwar



Iman Vellani stars in “Ms. Marvel” as Kamala Khan, the Marvel Cinematic Universe’s first Muslim superhero to headline her own television show. **DISNEY+**

kameez, dances to Bollywood numbers at her brother’s wedding, and breaks curfew to hang out with her buddy Bruno Carrelli at AvengerCon.

Munir Zamir, who is British Pakistani and grew up in East London, said seeing a “brown, Pakistani Muslim girl from New Jersey” in the comic books and, now, watching “Ms. Marvel” with his teenage children — has been powerful. Zamir, 50, has been a Marvel fan since he was 7 and has followed the evolution of Kamala Khan since Ms. Marvel’s inception in comic books in 2014.

“For Muslims in particular, representation matters a lot because, for many years, misrepresentation has

mattered too much,” he said.

Zamir points out that there are other Muslim superheroes in the Marvel universe such as Sooraya Qadir, also known as Dust. She wears a flowing black outfit, covers her hair and face, and can transform her body into a cloud of dust.

“Even in that description there are some classic tropes,” Zamir said. “But Kamala Khan is not some exotic woman from a Muslim country. That instantly sets her apart in the Marvel universe.”

Making Ms. Marvel more relatable was intentional, said Sana Amanat, one

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Child actor Hannah Marks making her mark as director

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

Hannah Marks has been on sets for most of her life.

Following in the footsteps of her mother, Nova Ball, Marks started acting at age 6. By the time she was a teen, she was already a veteran of the network and cable television show circuit, having done the rounds on all manner of sitcoms, procedurals and prestige-y dramas, including a multiple-season arc on “Weeds.”

But directing was always on her mind. Now at 29, with several features under her belt — including the father-daughter road trip dramedy “Don’t Make Me Go,” streaming on Amazon Prime Video, and an adaptation of John Green’s “Turtles All The Way Down” she is making a name for herself behind the camera.

“I’m so lucky that I was basically born knowing what I wanted to do,” Marks said. “It’s hard to have drive and passion and motivation if you’re unsure. I’m just very sure about what I should be doing. This is really all I’m interested in.”



Hannah Marks, who is seen June 29 in California, directed the road trip dramedy “Don’t Make Me Go.” **CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP**

By her early 20s, Marks was poring over films like “Catch Me If You Can” and “The Social Network,” with scripts in hand, pausing, rewinding and figuring out just what went into making something pop on the screen. She was, essentially, giving herself her own private film school education. As a director, Marks brings with her not just a passion for film, but the perspective of some-

one who has been on the other side and seen the good and the bad of the industry.

In “Don’t Make Me Go,” her biggest project to date, she directs John Cho as a single father, Max, to a teenage daughter, Wally, who learns that he has terminal cancer. He decides to withhold this information from her as they embark on a cross-country road trip.

“I wish there was a way to describe the movie without using the word(s) ‘dying’ or ‘terminal sickness,’” Marks said. “There’s a lot of heart and humor. I didn’t want it to be sad and depressing. Each day on set, we would really try to find the humor where we could in their relationship.”

Peter Saraf, the co-founder of Big Beach and producer behind “Adaptation” and “Little Miss Sunshine,” thought of Marks for the project. She read the script, by “This Is Us” veteran Vera Herbert, and found herself bawling on a plane.

“I just loved the father-daughter story at the center of it. Their relationship felt really beautiful and pure,” she said. “And I feel lucky to be telling a story about a man in his 40s. Not everyone would think of me for that.”

It would take several years after reading the script for the movie to become a reality, and in that time, Marks found more in common with Max than she did at 25. But Wally held a special place for Marks, whose father is a cancer survivor. To play Wally, Marks cast newcomer Mia Isaac.

“I don’t think I realized at

the time how special it was because she was pretty much the first director I ever worked with,” Isaac said. “I think I got a little spoiled with her because I thought that it was the way it was always going to be. I just assumed all directors paid that much attention to their actors.”

Marks has her share of child actor horror stories, but also good memories, like the joy of improvising on a comedy set. She has made a point to try to make things better for her actors than they were for her.

Next up, she’ll start editing “Turtles All the Way Down,” starring Isabela Merced as a teenager dealing with mental illness and a search for a missing billionaire. And she’s figuring out what’s next in her ever-evolving industry.

Steven Soderbergh, she said, is one she looks up to for his ability to tackle big, small, arthouse and television.

“That’s really inspiring to me: someone who is surprising and takes risks and constantly mixes it up,” Marks said. “I have to see where the pieces fall, but I know I want to keep going bigger and bigger.”

Cartoon incorporates ‘crucial’ representation

Black American Sign Language users seen on ‘Craig of Creek’

By Tracy Brown
Los Angeles Times

“Craig of the Creek” is primarily set in a wooded patch of nature where the children of surrounding suburbs gather to play. But in its ongoing fourth season, the Cartoon Network series has increasingly expanded its stories beyond those boundaries with episodes that delve into the home lives of its ever-expanding ensemble.

In a recent episode, “The Champion’s Hike,” the title character heads to his friend Jackie’s house before going to explore a waterfall. The scene features Jackie, who is deaf, signing Black American Sign Language with his dad as he heads out of the house.

It’s a moment that the episode’s consultants, from Southern California Black Deaf Advocates, point to as a highlight of their experience on the series.

“I teach parents (who have deaf children) how to sign, so the fact that a Black father was signing to his son, that exposure and that emphasis was so amazing,” said deaf mentor Bibi Ashley through a sign language interpreter. “Just seeing that interaction, that was my favorite part.”

Alice Rash, a teacher at the California School for the Deaf, added that she was impressed by the nuance in Jackie and his father’s exchange, like the use of fingerspelling.

“It’s very important for fingerspelling to be clear,” said Rash through a sign language interpreter. “For ‘have fun,’ they finger-spelled the word ‘fun’ very clearly, which is very typical, instead of using the sign for ‘fun’ ... It was perfect.”

“The Champion’s Hike” also marks a representational milestone. Jackie and his dad are among the first BASL users to be featured in children’s programming. Used among Black Deaf communities across the country, BASL is a distinct variety of ASL



The character Jackie is deaf and signs Black American Sign Language in “Craig of the Creek.” **CARTOON NETWORK**

that is distinguishable by elements such as the signer’s body language and facial expressions. In addition to using a larger signing space, BASL users also use more two-handed signs and incorporate African American English slang.

It’s par for the course for “Craig of the Creek,” which has been lauded for its inclusive storytelling and the diversity of the creek kids’ back-grounds and interests since its 2018 debut. Part of the reason this Emmy-, GLAAD- and NAACP Image Awards-nominated show resonates with its audience is the authenticity of the characters and their storylines.

Creators Matt Burnett and Ben Levin credit the entire crew for making the show what it is. Originally inspired by their own childhoods, the pair has encouraged the show’s creative team to bring their experiences to the series as well.

“It became a much more universal but specific and vast look at all the different ways to be a kid and all the different kinds of kids you

meet and play with,” said Burnett.

Jackie’s transformation from a scary henchman-type character to the confident and competitive cool kid that Craig is getting to know now can be attributed to this collaborative spirit.

Known as “the Arm” for his powerful throw, Jackie was introduced during the third season as a member of a group of intimidating, athletic kids called the Champions of the Other Side of the Creek. Although they originally played an antagonistic role, Levin was quick to point out that “they’re not, like, villainous.”

“They just are playing differently,” said Levin.

After the rivalry was resolved came the opportunity to explore who these Champions really were outside of their former leader’s influence. After the start of work on “Dodgy Decisions,” about Craig and Jackie being captains of opposing dodgeball teams, character designer Nick Winn suggested that perhaps Jackie could be deaf or hard of hearing.

“I just really liked Jackie,” said Winn. “I liked that he was one of the silent champions (and) he was insanely anonymous. ... We hadn’t really heard him speak.”

After happening upon a video of someone teaching sign language on TikTok, Winn brought up the idea of Jackie using sign language. Winn’s idea was appealing because it presented an opportunity to explore the reason for Jackie’s silence as well as the chance for the show to be more inclusive.

The “Craig of the Creek” team reached out to Southern California Black Deaf Advocates for a meeting that, according to Levin, really informed how to write Jackie.

“They were really great in just saying kids find a way to play together,” said Levin. “If Jackie was playing with other kids he might use some signs that they don’t know (or) he might just use some gestures that they can understand, and they would just play. And that was beautiful.”

“Our conversations with them really encouraged us to embrace the inher-

ent challenge and complication that there is when a non-hearing kid is in a group of kids who aren’t deaf,” added Burnett.

“That’s what reality is ... so let’s embrace the fact that they gotta find a way to communicate.”

Rezenet Moges-Riedel, an assistant professor at Cal State Long Beach, who also worked as one of SCBDA’s linguistic consultants, explained that it was important for audiences to understand that BASL is not for everybody.

“Black ASL is a cherished language,” said Moges-Riedel through a sign language interpreter. “It’s not something that can just be taught ... It’s something that gets picked up through social interactions from just being around each other.”

The history of BASL is tied to the United States’ deep history of systemic inequities. Segregation meant that even after schools were finally built for Black deaf students, there was limited interaction between the Black Deaf community and the white Deaf community.

Since languages continually evolve among those who use them, this separation meant BASL and ASL emerged as two distinct variations of the language.

“Keep in mind that not all Black deaf people use Black ASL,” explained Rash. “It depends on where you’re from (and how you grew up). Some Black people don’t know ASL and use BASL entirely.”

Moges-Riedel sees Jackie’s use of BASL on “Craig of the Creek” as an opportunity for more conversations.

“This can be an eye-opening experience for the audience, knowing that there are regional dialects of ASL, different ethno-groups, different variations of sign languages within one country,” said Moges-Riedel.

“It’s (also) so crucial, so important for young kids especially CODAs — children of deaf adults — for them to see representation,” she continued. “Deaf representation is usually white. Jackie breaks down that idea that it has to be someone white all the time. There are Black deaf people out in the world like us.”

Celebrate Gosling’s return to movies by streaming his best

By Katie Walsh
Tribune News Service

After four long years, Ryan Gosling returns to the movies, starring in the Netflix action flick “The Gray Man.”

The last we saw of Gosling, he was playing another notable “man,” as Neil Armstrong in Damien Chazelle’s moon movie “First Man” back in 2018.

Now, he’s back in action, beefed up in his best Bourne/Bond mode for the Russo brothers (“Avengers: Infinity War,” “Avengers: Endgame”), facing off with Chris Evans as a secret CIA assassin on whom the government has suddenly turned in “The Gray Man,” now streaming.

In honor of his return to the film screen, and in celebration of those photos of him in costume as Ken for Greta Gerwig’s forthcoming “Barbie” movie, seize this opportunity to run down the best of Gosling’s

long career and take a look at his ability to transcend genres in his leading man roles.

You’ll have to head to YouTube to check out Gosling’s first TV role at age 12 on “The All New Mickey Mouse Club” aka “MMC,” alongside Justin Timberlake, Britney Spears, JC Chazez and Christina Aguilera. And while that is a worthy Google (add “Goosebumps,” “Are You Afraid of the Dark?” “Breaker High” and “dancing” for more young Gosling fun), we’re here to focus on his film work, and the variety of roles he has played.

His early breakout film roles were on the darker side: as a young Jewish neo-Nazi in the 2001 Sundance darling “The Believer” (Kanopy or Roku Channel) and in the 2002 psychological thriller “Murder by Numbers” opposite Michael Pitt and Sandra Bullock (rent on

digital platforms).

Gosling has always been at home in the realm of heady indie dramas, gaining notice for his work in the 2006 film “Half Nelson” (Starz, Roku, Tubi and Kanopy), “Lars and the Real Girl” in 2007 (HBO Max and Cinemax) and “Blue Valentine” in 2010 (Peacock). But among those more intense films, he sprinkled in the romantic melodrama “The Notebook” opposite Rachel McAdams (rent on digital platforms) and played a suave cad in the romantic comedy “Crazy, Stupid, Love” in 2011 (Tubi or rent on digital platforms).

He’s also capable of slipping into high-concept action and thriller roles, like his two collaborations with Danish director Nicholas Winding Refn, “Drive” in 2011 (Tubi and rent on digital platforms) and “Only God Forgives” in 2013 (Roku, Vudu, Tubi, Redbox and Plex). He



Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams star in “The Notebook.” **MELISSA MOSELEY/NEW LINE PRODUCTIONS**

teamed with director Derek Cianfrance for the 2012 film “The Place Beyond the Pines” (Peacock) and starred opposite Harrison Ford in Denis Villeneuve’s epic sequel to “Blade Runner,” “Blade Runner 2049” (HBO Max and Netflix).

Though Gosling does brooding well, he’s incredibly funny too, as seen in the underrated 2016 LA noir “The Nice Guys,” writ-

ten and directed by Shane Black (rent on digital platforms). He also dusted off his dancing shoes for the swooning romantic musical “La La Land” in 2016 (Hulu).

Additionally, he can do political dramas like the 2011 film “The Ides of March” (Starz), or Adam McKay’s financial crisis ensemble film “The Big Short” in 2015 (rent on digital platforms). He has

even dipped his toe into the world of the biopic with the intense “First Man” (rent on digital platforms).

It’s nice to see Gosling back in the movies. From “The Gray Man” to “Barbie” to his take on “Wolfman” with Cianfrance, which is in preproduction, it’s clear he still has a vast appetite for a wide swath of film roles, and that is a very good thing.

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of Kamala Khan’s creators and an executive producer on the show. She wanted to portray a Muslim character who “feels like someone you know.”

“She is not put on a pedestal,” she said. “She is awkward. She is funny. She is a sweet person who ultimately wants to do better.”

Amanat and her co-creators felt it was important to show Khan’s everyday life as a Muslim American teen.

That idea of normalcy resonated with Hiba Bhatti, a Pakistani American fan of the show. She

particularly liked how Khan’s father, Yusuf, was portrayed as “a loving dad,” as opposed to a scary stereotype.

Bhatti, a Los Angeles-based architect, previously displayed Ms. Marvel comics on her desk at work as conversation starters.

Now, she is getting ready to give co-workers a “Ms. Marvel” presentation. To her, it exemplifies how many in her community have moved beyond wanting to just be portrayed as “normal Americans,” to actually telling their own nuanced stories.

“Ms. Marvel” is also “reclaiming language that has been weaponized against Muslims,” said Arij

Mikati, managing director of culture change for the Pillars Fund, which supports Muslim civic leaders and artists.

In one scene, Khan and her family joyously break into chants of “Allahu akbar,” or “God is great,” in celebration of her brother’s wedding.

“When you hear the call to prayer, that’s usually a sign that you’re somewhere unsafe on television,” Mikati said. “And all of these things are being reclaimed in this show. ... That’s really beautiful because those day-to-day, small moments of our faith have really been taken from us in the media.”

The show touches on

issues from surveilling mosques to what wearing head scarves means for some. Khan’s friend, the hijab-wearing Nakia Bahadir, is played by Yasmeen Fletcher. One of the most important conversations between Khan and Bahadir happens in the restroom, where Bahadir talks about how she feels like herself, with a purpose, when she dons her hijab.

Jumana, the teen from Anaheim who plans to wear a hijab in a year or two, said she appreciated the show’s portrayal of what the hijab means to some young girls like her.

“My non-Muslim friends already know about my

decision and respect it,” she said. “But if more people can realize that by watching this show, that’s great.”

Fletcher said she has been touched by such powerful responses. “The whole point of Nakia’s character is to break down the stereotypes around hijabi women,” she said.

For the show’s seven writers — four are Pakistani — representing Muslims and South Asians realistically was crucial, said the show’s head writer Bisha K. Ali, who is British Pakistani. “We felt a hunger for being seen in a way that was celebrated and beautiful, and comes from a place of love and compassion,” she said.

While it’s impossible to capture the experience of nearly 2 billion Muslims, Ali said the writers leaned into telling the story of this one family in an authentic way.

Ali described the mood in the writer’s room as “incredibly emotional,” as they talked about what their mosques were like growing up and contacted relatives on WhatsApp to gather more details.

Sitting in the belly of Marvel Studios in a windowless conference room, Ali said she had lost count of the number of times the writers looked at each other as if to ask: “Are we really here? Are we really doing this?”

CELEBRITIES

Seeger appears on postage stamp

From news services

Pete Seeger, the banjo-playing folk singer whose music was indelibly intertwined with his social activism, was honored Thursday as the latest American musician to appear on a U.S. postage stamp.

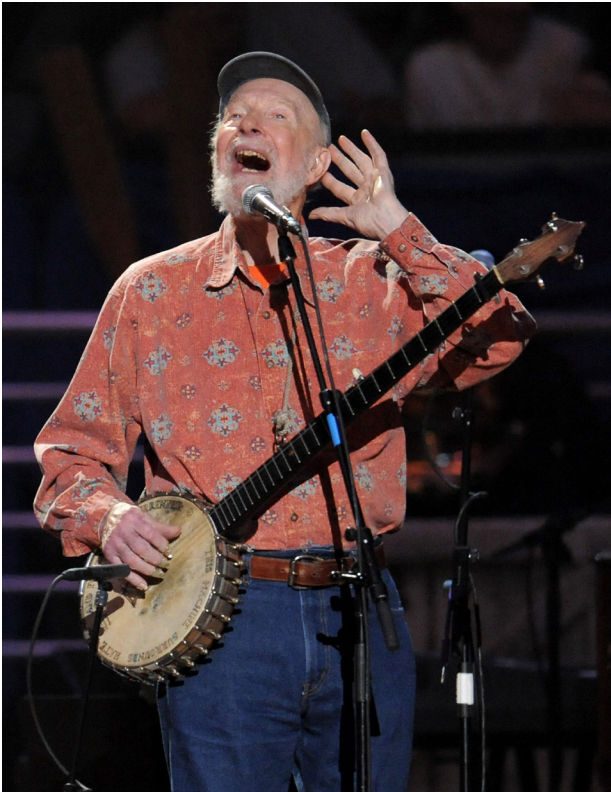
The forever stamp, which features a color-tinted, black-and-white photograph taken in the early 1960s showing Seeger in profile singing and playing his five-string banjo, has gone on sale at post offices nationwide, according to a U.S. Postal Service spokesperson.

“It is an honor to see a photo of my father I’d taken some 60 years ago become this wonderful forever stamp,” his son, Dan Seeger, said in a statement. “My dad did most of his correspondence by hand — written letters — and I can imagine him smiling and of course appreciating this great honor because he relied on the U.S. mail with its simplicity and honesty, knowing that thoughts and ideas can go from the sender over a tremendous expanse to a single receiver and get delivered.”

Seeger, a Harvard dropout who died in 2014 at age 94, wrote or co-wrote “If I Had a Hammer,” “Turn, Turn, Turn,” and “Where Have All the Flowers Gone.” He won multiple Grammy Awards, and earned the National Medal of the Arts and the Kennedy Center Honors.

TIFF debuts announced: Steven Spielberg is bringing his highly personal film “The Fabelmans” to the Toronto International Film Festival this fall, organizers said Friday.

It will be the world premiere for the film, which Spielberg has said is based on his early years, and will also mark the filmmaker’s first time at the



Pete Seeger has become the latest American musician to appear on a U.S. postage stamp. EVAN AGOSTINI/AP 2009

festival. The cast includes Michelle Williams, Paul Dano, Seth Rogen and Judd Hirsch. “The Fabelmans” is set for a Nov. 11 theatrical release.

In addition, TIFF organizers confirmed Thursday that Harry Styles’ highly anticipated gay love-triangle movie “My Policeman” will have its world premiere at the festival. Based on Bethan Roberts’ 2012 novel of the same name, the romantic drama also stars Emma Corrin and David Dawson. “My Policeman” is set to open in theaters on Oct. 21, and stream on Amazon Prime Video starting Nov. 4.

The Toronto International Film Festival runs from Sept. 8 to 18.

H.E.R. to star in ‘Beauty and the Beast’ special: Disney has tapped musician H.E.R. to star as Belle in the upcoming ABC animated and live-action special “Beauty and the

Beast: A 30th Celebration.”

“I can’t believe I get to be a part of the Beauty and the Beast legacy. The world will see a Black and Filipino Belle!” H.E.R. said in a statement. “I have always wanted to be a Disney princess ... It is very surreal, and I couldn’t be more grateful.”

This year marks the 30th anniversary of when “Beauty and the Beast” became the first animated film to be nominated for the best picture Oscar. The special is set to air Dec. 15 on ABC and stream on Disney+ the next day.

July 25 birthdays: Drummer Jim McCarty is 79. Bassist Verdine White is 71. Model Iman is 67. Chef Geoffrey Zakarian is 63. Actor Matt LeBlanc is 55. Actor Wendy Raquel Robinson is 55. Actor D.B. Woodside is 53. Actor Miriam Shor is 51. Actor David Denman is 49. Actor James Lafferty is 37. Actor Mason Cook is 22.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Time to nicely show divorced sibling the door

Dear Amy: My brother is newly divorced. After he and his wife split up, I let him stay with me so he could save money, sort things out and receive some emotional support.

He is a good guy, and he pays half of the bills. He pays them late — but he pays them. He is also sloppy, and I am constantly cleaning up after him.

He is aware of my displeasure with cleaning up after an adult, but he seems not to care.

He has lived with me for close to five years now — and I need my space. I’m an empty nester and want to live alone.

I am annoyed by everything he does, but I feel awful for feeling that way.

Amy, there are times when I don’t want to come home because I know I will encounter a mess. I yearn for time alone.

Am I being selfish for being annoyed just by his presence?

— *Stymied Sister*

Dear Sister: Five years in, your brother is no longer “newly divorced.” He is a middle-aged man living with a sister who treats him exactly the way he wants to be treated — like a child. It sounds like such a good and comfortable situation for him that of course he doesn’t want to leave!

It’s a marvel that you still consider your brother a “good guy,” because — according to you — he is completely disinterested in your discomfort. Instead, he seems to be drafting along on your superior caretaking abilities and your guilt regarding him.

Why do you feel guilty? It might be because you equate love with care-

taking. Maybe it’s time to prove that you love him enough to let him go.

I suggest that in order to save your relationship with your brother, it is time for you to ever-so-certainly, calmly and kindly show him the door. Consider this gentle shove a declaration that it’s time for him to start his next chapter.

Tell him, “It’s time for you to find your own place. I need to live on my own, and so do you.” Don’t relitigate his past behavior or let him bargain his way into staying.

You can set a timeline for his moving out and help him to look for a place he can afford.

Be aware that because he has been paying to live in your home, he could be considered a tenant. If he refuses to leave, you may have to start the eviction process. Check with your state and local regulations regarding evictions, in case it comes to that.

Dear Amy: I hope that we are finally emerging from the pandemic in a real way. After so much time living in a vastly altered reality, I find I’m struggling with how to get back out there. I feel like my mood is somehow suppressed and can’t figure out how to reboot. Any suggestions?

— *Tired*

Dear Tired: I’ll tell you what I’ve done: I’ve gone outside. Call it vitamin D therapy, exercise therapy or running away(!) — reconnecting with nature has been a game-changer for me.

Long walks, twice a day (or long outdoor sits, if walking is too difficult). Bird watching. Tending

garden beds or flower pots.

These are all things that most people can do, and they are guaranteed mood boosters.

Dear Amy: I was horrified by your response to “Mystified,” the husband who didn’t understand why his wife had lost a lot of weight and had become “more independent.”

Instead of praising her weight loss and her independence, you suggested that she might be having an affair!

— *Horried*

Dear Horrified: Many readers did not like my answer to this question. To recap: “Mystified” reported that his wife had recently lost a lot of weight, that the intimacy in their marriage had changed, that she had become more independent, and that he believed his wife was “going through the motions” in their marriage.

I suggested that one possible cause for these changes (there are other possibilities) could be an “outside flirtation,” and that he should communicate about their relationship.

If the genders had been reversed and the husband had lost a lot of weight, become more independent, stopped being intimate and was “going through the motions,” I don’t believe we would be celebrating his independence, but positing that the marriage might be in trouble.

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“Victoria’s Secret: Angels and Demons” tells the story of its longtime CEO Leslie Wexner. HULU

Docuseries charts rise, fall of Victoria’s Secret, CEO Wexner

By Meredith Blake
Los Angeles Times

Leslie Wexner was once known as the Merlin of the Mall for his seemingly magical ability to create ubiquitous retail brands: the Limited, Express, Bath and Body Works, Abercrombie & Fitch.

Perhaps his greatest success was Victoria’s Secret, the fledgling lingerie company he transformed into a billion-dollar behemoth that dominated the intimate apparel market for decades. But, as detailed in the new docuseries “Victoria’s Secret: Angels and Demons,” the company imploded spectacularly following a series of publicity disasters, internal scandals and revelations about Wexner’s ties to notorious predator Jeffrey Epstein in 2018 and 2019.

“It was one of the most dramatic collapses of a fashion empire in recent memory,” says director Matt Tyrnauer, whose previous films include “Valentino: The Last Emperor” and “Where’s My Roy Cohn?”

The Hulu series, now streaming, charts the rise and fall of the brand and the self-made Midwestern billionaire behind it,

who started with a single store in a Columbus, Ohio, suburb and eventually grew wealthy enough to build his own town. Featuring interviews with journalists, models and former Victoria’s Secret executives (though not Wexner, who stepped down from his role as chief executive in 2020), “Angels and Demons” portrays a corporate culture that was infected with the same misogyny it peddled to the masses.

Wexner acquired Victoria’s Secret in 1982 and revamped the brand with a refined yet accessible sensibility based on a fictional English woman named Victoria. By the late ’90s, guided by Wexner and marketing chief Edward Razek, the company had embraced a more overtly sexy image. In the company’s televised fashion show, supermodels like Heidi Klum and Gisele Bundchen strutted down runways in enormous angel wings and barely-there underwear.

Most damning of all is Wexner’s close association with Epstein, who was arrested on federal sex trafficking charges in 2019 and killed himself while awaiting trial. As far back as 1993, Epstein, who

served as Wexner’s money manager for more than a decade during the heyday of Victoria’s Secret, was rumored to pose as a talent scout for the company and was accused of assaulting a model during an “audition” for the catalog in 1997. Another woman claims she was assaulted by Epstein at Wexner’s Ohio estate in 1996. (Wexner said he cut ties with Epstein in 2007.)

“Angels and Demons” — which follows a Netflix documentary about sister company Abercrombie & Fitch, a podcast about Victoria’s Secret released last year and a cottage industry of Epstein journalism — examines some of the most prevalent theories about the convicted sex offender and the origins of his wealth, including the suggestions that Epstein was running a massive blackmail scheme or working in intelligence. (In 2019, Wexner claimed Epstein misappropriated “vast sums” of his money.)

And while it doesn’t conclusively answer the most pressing question about Wexner — just why did he associate with Epstein for so long? — the docuseries is nevertheless a fascinating portrait of a business visionary with a catastrophic blind spot.

HOROSCOPES

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Jumping to conclusions is all too possible now. You may be very active socially, but a lack of energy or focus might catch up with you and confuse you into drawing the wrong conclusions. Being combative could make you look silly.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Bad information could trip you up today at some point. You might have heard that something was a good investment from someone that you care about, but whether or not they know it, they are likely wrong about the return they’re expecting. Don’t just take their word for it. Do your own research.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Other people may disagree with your choices at this time. Your personal relationships might be struggling due to an unconventional or unexpected choice you made recently. Your choice left them unsure of what you’ll do next. That’s OK. Give them time — they’ll likely come around.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Someone may be judging your actions today unfairly. Even if you’re experiencing positive changes to your general public image, one peer or co-worker might not agree that you’re as great as other people think. Let them know you’re doing your best.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On July 25, 1866, Ulysses S. Grant was named General of the Army of the United States, the first officer to hold the rank.

In 1946, the U.S. detonated an atomic bomb near

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Good things could come from unexpected places at the moment. You probably will be presented with a gift or an opportunity to enjoy yourself by someone that you don’t get to see often. Try to open your mind. The less you try to control the situation, the less stress it will bring.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone may be about to hurt your feelings. This could taint the rest of the day for you if you spend it on your own, but thankfully, a pal should be there to pick you up when you’re in need. Hiding yourself away will only prevent this friend from stepping in, so don’t feel like you have to conceal your emotions.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Self-criticism doesn’t have to be harsh at this time. If you don’t reach the standards that you wanted to, the resulting disappointment could heavily weigh on your mind. Instead of being unhappy that you didn’t hit the moon, be thankful that you landed among the stars. Keep up the good work!

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The universe wants to help you escape. You may be stuck when it comes to a project that you’re working on, and no matter how close you feel to the answer, it’s probably going to be harder to solve than you were expecting. Try to get a second opinion.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Understanding your emotions could be difficult today. Others may come to you expecting you to feel a certain way about a piece of news that they have, but you’ll possibly react in a different way than either of you were expecting. Be patient with yourself. Be bold and don’t worry.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Secrets might be lurking at the tip of your tongue throughout the day. The idea of sharing some juicy gossip could tempt you, but spilling someone else’s private information would ultimately hurt them — and likely you as well. Keep it to yourself to protect the hearts of your loved ones.

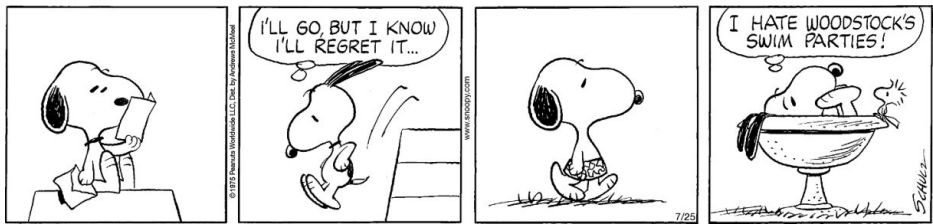
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The work you do now can be fulfilling, but the rewards at the end of the day might be less than you had thought. There could be an opportunity to help a friend out. Even if it’s less impressive than what you were expecting, you could at least make some unexpected networking connections.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): A small windfall may bless your life right now, but confusion could lead to you losing it. You might hit the jackpot or get amazing returns on an investment. That said, this excitement can go to your head and have you buying things beyond your price range.

signed a declaration at the White House ending their countries’ state of war.

In 2010, the online whistleblower Wikileaks posted some 90,000 leaked U.S. military records that amounted to a blow-by-blow account of the Afghanistan war, including unreported incidents of Afghan civilian killings as well as covert operations against Taliban figures.

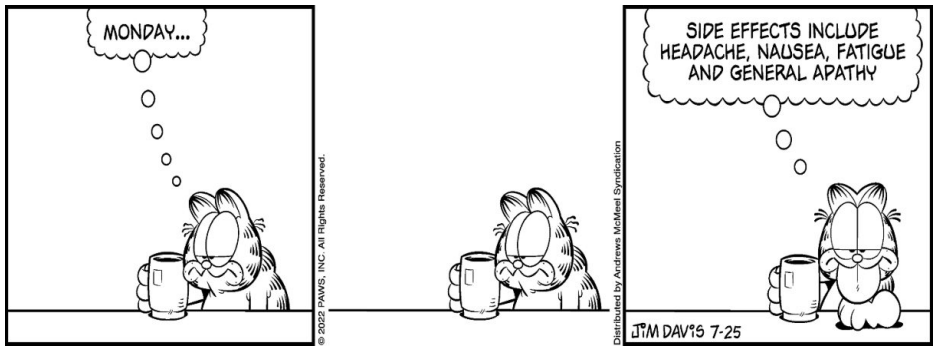
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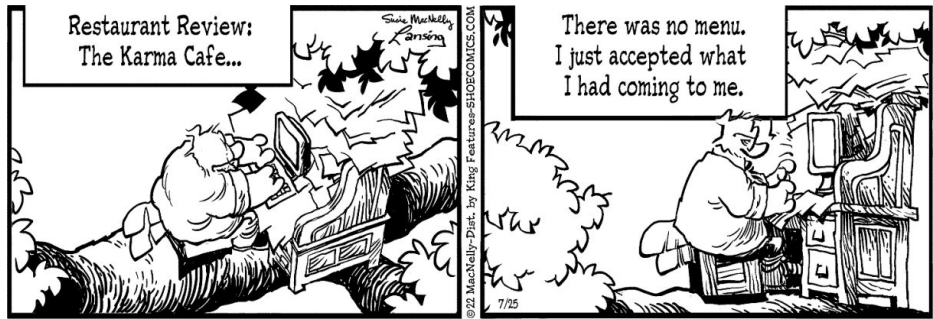
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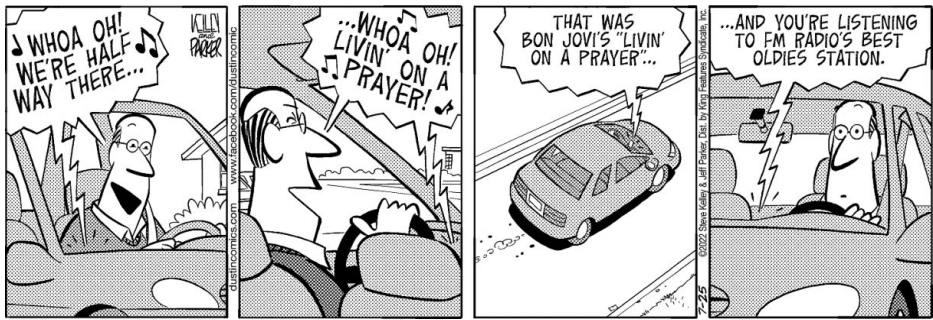
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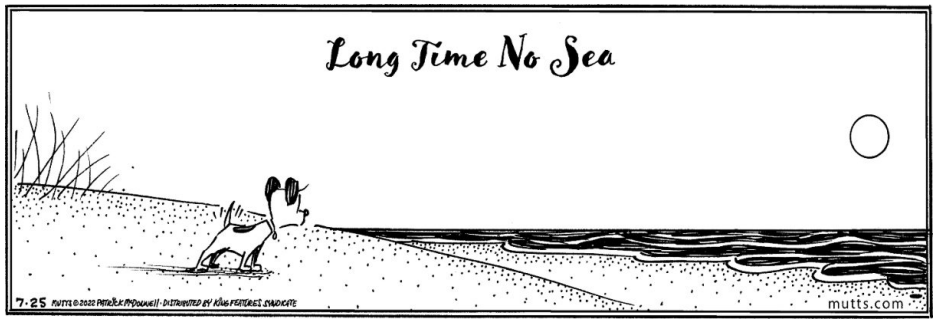
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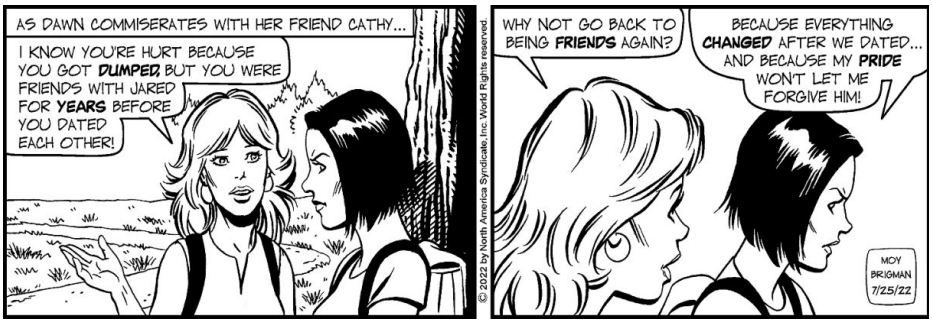
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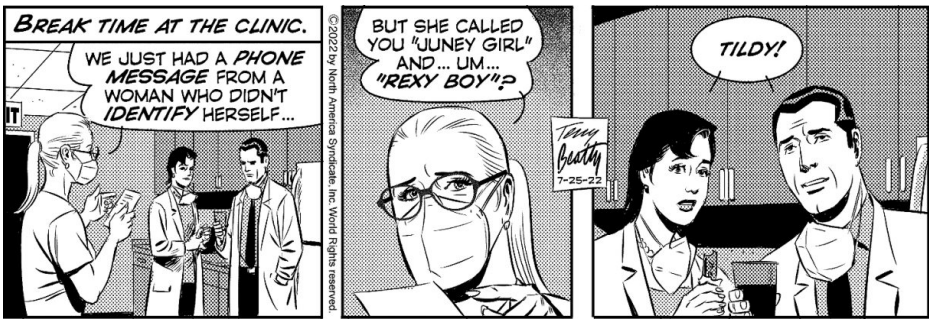
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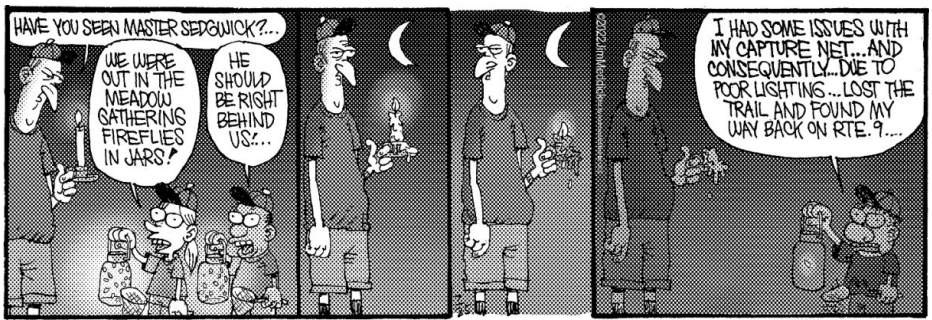
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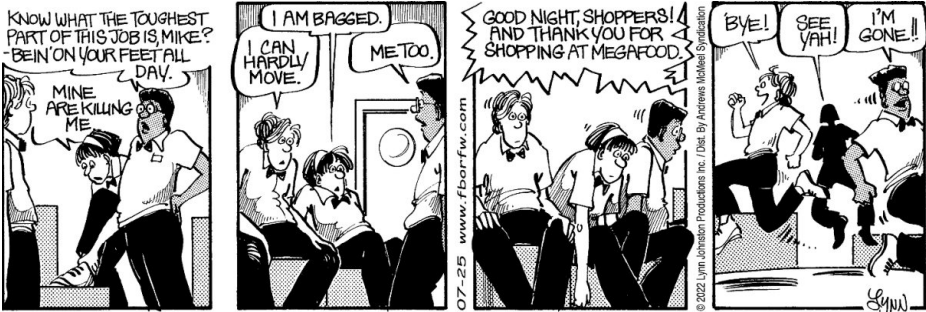
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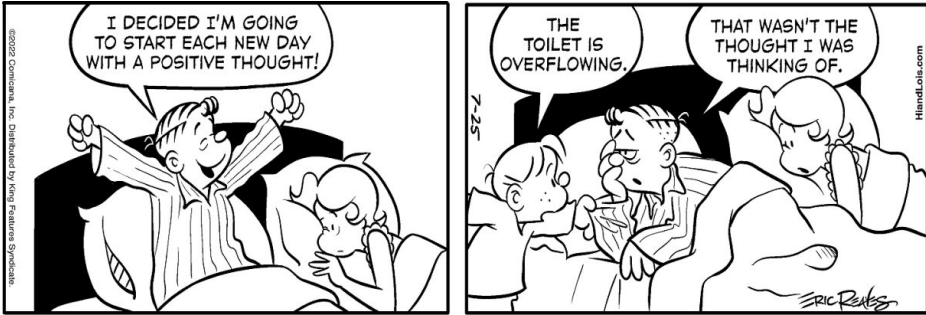
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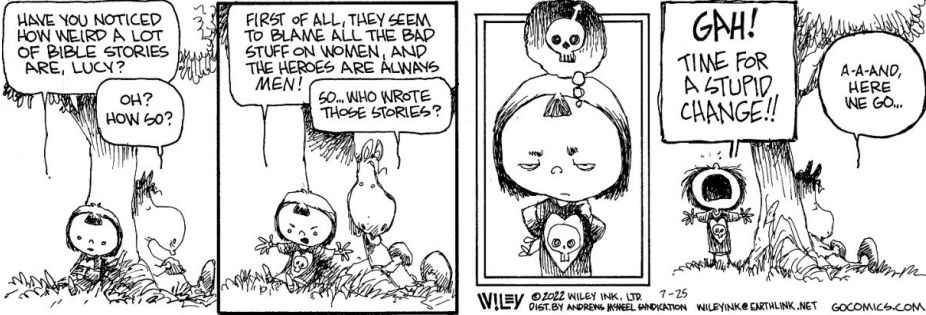
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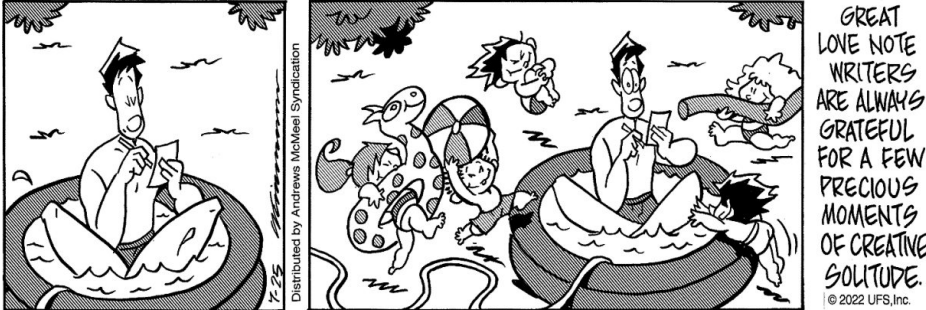
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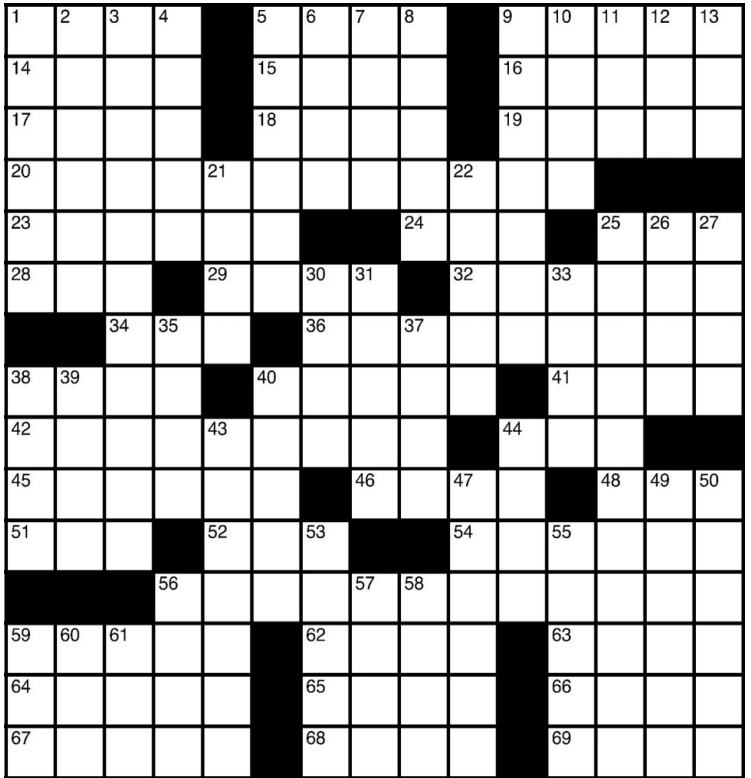
- 1 Lifetime pals, briefly
5 Periodontist's concern
9 Brand of facial tissue
14 Sign on for more service
15 Indiana neighbor
16 Facing the pitcher
17 "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" actor Samberg
18 Decomposes
19 Milk seller
20 Hale and hearty
23 Taken care of
24 Play-__ kids' clay
25 That girl
28 Pixie
29 Native of Pre-Columbian Peru
32 Reacted to a surprise, perhaps
34 Muscles worked by crunches
36 "Any time now!"
38 __ and for all
40 African country on the Gulf of Guinea
41 "If all __ fails ..."
42 Gathering spot for thirsty animals
44 NCO below sgt.
45 "You're not alone in that"
46 Hockey Hall of Famer Phil, familiarly
48 Pair
51 Gift for music
52 Hunted for fossils, say
54 Mixed nuts nut

- 56 "What have we here?" and 20-, 36-, and 42-Across
59 Strictly forbidden
62 Very small bit
63 Great Plains natives
64 Distant and cool
65 Lacking color
66 Sit for a spell
67 Employees
68 Long, wriggly swimmers
69 Satisfies the munchies

Down

- 1 Slow-cook in a closed pot
2 Bulb with an aniselike flavor
3 Exaggeration allowance in estimates
4 Watch secretly

- 5 "If You Could Read My Mind" singer Lightfoot
6 "This looks bad!"
7 Teeny plant pest
8 "Such a pity"
9 Noodle dish topped with crushed peanuts
10 Six-sided state
11 "Fidelity, Bravery, Integrity" org.
12 Distant
13 Pen with a trough
21 __ Spunkmeyer: cookie brand
22 Boston airport
25 Share juicy gossip
26 Farm cluckers
27 Microsoft's web browser
30 Breezy goodbye
31 Stroll along
33 Escalator part
35 Borscht base
37 Nagging troubles
38 Cut covered by a Snoopy bandage, e.g.
39 Zilch
40 Grave-robbing demon
43 Departed into the sunset, say
44 West Virginia natural resource
47 Tech training sites
49 "The other team clobbered us"
50 Big-eyed nestlings
53 Coast
55 Used cusswords
56 Husky's "Hello"
57 Had on
58 "And some other people" abbr.
59 Prof. helpers
60 __-country music
61 Constricting snake



By Joe Deeney

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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A 2
♥ K J 8 7 4
♦ 7 5
♣ 7 6 4 2

EAST

♠ 5
♥ A Q 10 9 5 2
♦ 9 6 2
♣ K 10 8

SOUTH

♠ K Q J 10 9 8 7
♥ 6
♦ A K Q
♣ A Q

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2 ♠	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
6 ♠			

Opening lead — three of hearts.

Famous Hand

Looking at all four hands, it's hard to imagine how South went down one in six spades — yet he did. What's more, almost anyone else in his shoes would also have gone down against the brilliant defense he encountered.

West led a heart, on which declarer made the normal play of the jack from dummy. However, East, Mike Smolen, deviated from the norm by taking the jack with the ace! This extraordinary play, when Smolen could have won the trick with the queen, subsequently brought about South's demise.

Smolen had realized, of course, that his partner's three was a singleton. But he also realized that establishing dummy's king of hearts as a trick would not help declarer at all, since South would not be able to cash the king without West ruffing. Indeed, the only way declarer could ever score a trick with the king was if he started with eight or more spades. Winning the first trick with the ace was therefore unlikely to cost, but might very well gain.

At trick two, Smolen shifted to the eight of clubs. One can hardly blame declarer for putting up the ace rather than playing the queen. From his viewpoint, it seemed foolish to risk a finesse when he could a couple of tricks later discard the queen on dummy's king of hearts.

So after taking the ace of clubs, declarer cashed the K-A of trump, then played the heart king and discarded the queen of clubs on it. West unexpectedly ruffed, and poor South went down one.

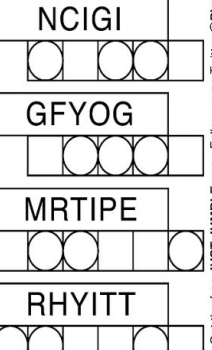
Now let's suppose East had won the jack of hearts with the queen. In that case, South would surely have made the slam regardless of what East did next. If East returned a low heart, declarer would ruff and later take a club finesse to make the slam. He would also make the slam after a club return at trick two, because he would have no other choice than to finesse.

Tomorrow: The prime directive.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

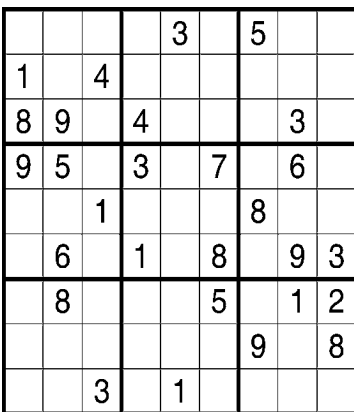
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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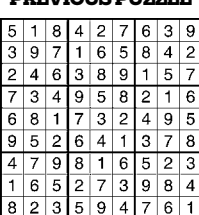
Answers tomorrow: Saturday's Jumbles: BRING VISOR DRESSY WIGGLE Answer: The meal eaten by the winner of the tennis tournament included — BIG SERVINGS

TODAY'S SUDOKU



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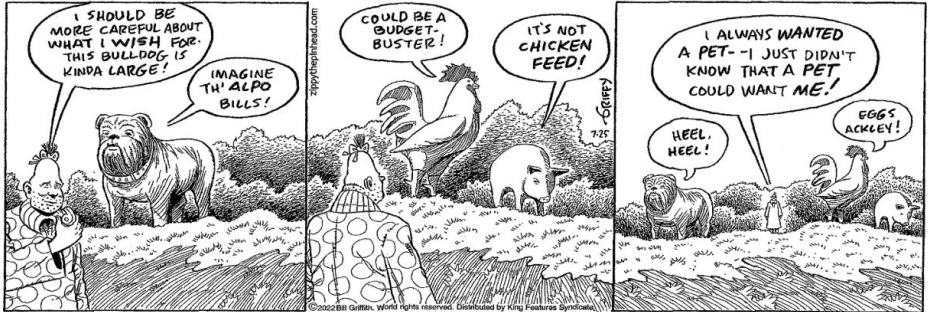
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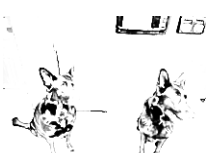
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PUBLIC NOTICES

INVITATION FOR BID

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

PAMELA KATHERINE GUENARD,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) Civil Action No. 22-DM-0254

RICHARD LEO GUENARD, II,)
Defendant.)

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED AS FOLLOWS:
1. That the Defendant, Richard Guenard, II, shall be served with proper notice by Publication through The Hartford Courant.
2. That notice shall run one (1) time per week for four (4) consecutive weeks in The Hartford Courant, ending no later than six (6) days prior to the Hearing as set forth in this Order, thereby satisfying the Service requirements set forth by T.C.A. § 21-1-203 and 21-1-204.
3. That if Defendant, Richard Guenard, II, does not file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Washington County, Tennessee and with Plaintiff's Counsel, Chase A. Baker, whose address is P.O. Box 70, Greeneville, Tennessee 37744, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice that a hearing will be set for this cause before the Honorable Chancellor, John C. Rambo, at the Washington County Chancery

Court, located at 108 W. Jackson Boulevard, Suite 2157, Jonesborough, Tennessee 37659, that action shall be taken by this Honorable Court to default the Defendant and enter Judgment in favor of the Plaintiff, Pamela Guenard.
4. That Judgment in favor of the Plaintiff, Pamela Guenard, will result in the marital assets and debts being divided equitably and that this cause of action will be adjudged in accordance with a separately filed Final Divorce Order.

JOHN C. RAMBO
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1. ZC2022-0009. Zoning Text Amendment Application by Ed Cassella to amend Zoning Regulations Section 6.D.3 Design Standards for Accessory Apartments to allow Accessory Apartments in excess of 1,000 square feet by Special Permit up to a maximum of 30% of the total floor area of the principal dwelling, when on a parcel of (2) acres or more.
2. Continuation of Hearing ZC2022-0004. Zoning Text Amendment Application by the Town of Westbrook Zoning Commission to amend the Zoning Regulations to Add Section 6.S: Use Related Standards: Cannabis Establishments.

Application materials will be available for review at the Town of Westbrook Planning, Zoning, and Development Office. All interested persons may attend this meeting or provide comments regarding these applications. Details for how to attend this meeting virtually will be published on the Commission's Agenda.
7/16, 7/25/2022 7252254

In accordance with the provisions of section 9-14 of the city of Hartford Municipal Code, a Notice of Intent to apply for a Permit to demolish a building has been filed with the director of Licenses and Inspections of the City of Hartford.

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John LeConche, Project Engineer (Agent for Owner)
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August 1, 2022
John Collins, Building Official
7/25, 7/26, 7/27/2022 7255700

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HIGH 89°
LOW 67°

TUESDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly to mostly sunny, seasonable and less humid.

HIGH 85°
LOW 63°

WEDNESDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Sunshine with a few afternoon clouds, very warm.

HIGH 88°
LOW 69°

THURSDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mixed clouds and sunshine, chance for a shower or thunderstorm late, hot and humid.

HIGH 90°
LOW 70°

FRIDAY







SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

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HIGH 87°
LOW 68°

CONNECTICUT WEATHER

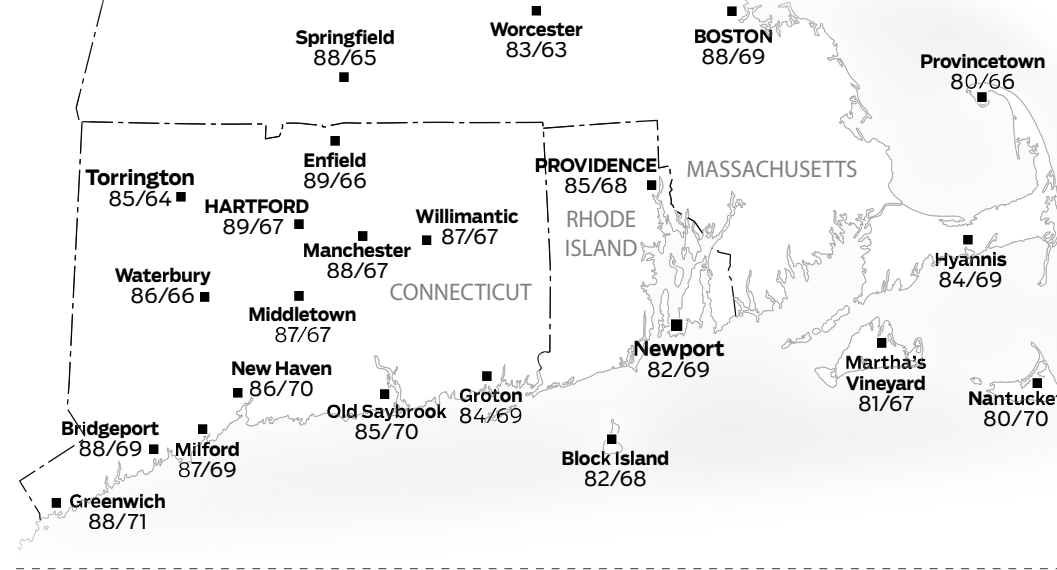
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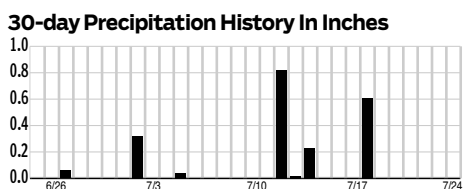
A mixture of clouds and sunshine on Monday with high temperatures mainly in the 80s, but Bradley Airport which is often a few degrees warmer than elsewhere in the state, could reach the 90-degree mark. The heat index will be in the 90s for much of the state because of dew points in the low to mid-70s. A cold front to the west will produce scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly in the afternoon and the evening, although a few morning showers and an isolated thunderstorm is possible. Tuesday will be much more comfortable with dew points in the mid-50s inland.

-Gary Lessor

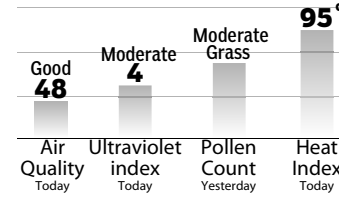
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Total this year	22.21 25.29

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks



Air Quality Forecast For Today

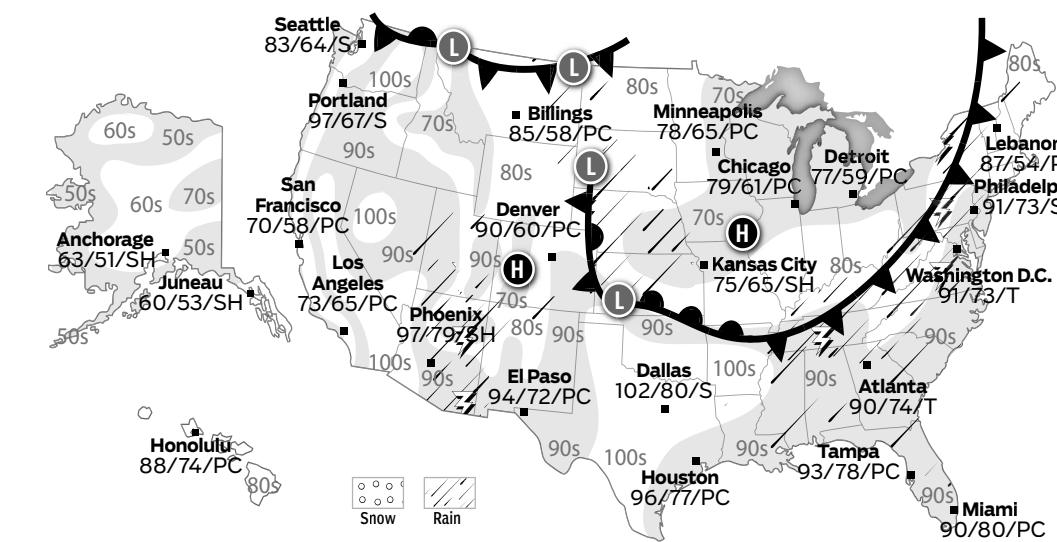
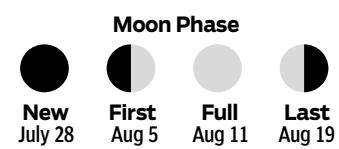


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Connecticut River at Portland	9:11 a.m.	3:18 a.m.	
Madison	9:32 p.m.	3:08 p.m.	
New Haven	11:54 a.m.	7:04 a.m.	
Stamford	9:33 a.m.	3:23 a.m.	77°
	9:45 p.m.	3:26 p.m.	
	9:53 a.m.	3:47 a.m.	78°
	10:05 p.m.	3:50 p.m.	
	9:57 a.m.	4:01 a.m.	75°
	10:09 p.m.	4:04 p.m.	

River Stage at Hartford: 1.97 feet at 5:30 p.m.

Boating	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B.I. Sound
Weather	Showers	PM Showers	PM Shower
Wind	SW, 10-15	SW, 10-15	SW, 15-20
Seas	1-2 ft.	2-3 ft.	5-7 ft.

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	5:38 a.m.	5:39 a.m.
Sunset	8:17 p.m.	8:16 p.m.
Moonrise	2:31 a.m.	3:17 a.m.
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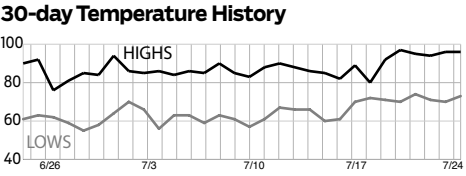


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Cooling Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For Jan 1 - July 24	529	424	479




Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.00 at 12 a.m.	29.89 at 6 p.m.
Dew point	71° at 9 a.m.	62° at 2 p.m.



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YANKEES 6, ORIOLES 0

Judge homers again in Yankees shutout win

By Todd Karpovich
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Aaron Judge hit his major league-leading 37th home run, fellow All-Star Nestor Cortes pitched six sharp innings and the New York Yankees beat the Baltimore Orioles 6-0 on Sunday.

Jose Trevino, another Yankees All-Star, had the first four-hit game of his career. New York, with the best record in the big leagues, took two of three and has won 22 of 32 series this year.

“It’s always big to win a series,” Yankees manager Aaron Judge said. “You don’t take that for granted whether you’re in a hot streak like we’ve been at times this year or you’re struggling a little bit. Series wins are not to be taken lightly.”

Judge has seven home runs in his last nine games and also leads the majors with 81 RBIs. He raised his batting average to .294, which has been a key area of focus.

“I saw a lot of the greats — Albert Pujols and Miguel Cabrera — they always hit above



Up Next
Who: New York Yankees at New York Mets
When: 7:10 p.m. Tuesday; **TV:** SNY, TBS, YES

.300, and the power just came with it,” Judge said. “That’s always been a goal of mine to hit above .300, and we’ll keep working towards it.”

Cortes (8-3) allowed six hits, struck out seven and walked none while lowering his ERA from 2.63 to 2.48. The 27-year-old lefty began his MLB career with the Orioles in 2018. He has gone 2-0 with a 0.46 ERA in four appearances (three starts) against Baltimore at Oriole Park in his career.

“I go out there every fifth day like I do against any other team but for some reason, I have more success against the Orioles,” Cortes said. “It feels good to do that.”

Clarke Schmidt pitched three innings and earned his first career save.

Turn to Yankees, Page 2



The Yankees’ Aaron Judge celebrates after hitting a two-run home run during the third inning of Sunday’s game against the Baltimore Orioles in Baltimore. **NICK WASS/AP**

BASEBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS



Inductee David Ortiz speaks during the Baseball Hall of Fame induction ceremony in Cooperstown, New York, on Sunday. **JIM MCISAAC/GETTY**

BIG PAPI A BIG HIT

Former Red Sox superstar basks in fans’ adoration

By John Kekis
Associated Press

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — David Ortiz promised to speak from the heart.

As usual, “Big Papi” delivered.

His megawatt smile tinged with a tad of emotion, the former Boston Red Sox slugger was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame on Sunday — after his daughter Alexandra sang the national anthem — and was humbled by his surroundings.

“I want to thank God for giving me the

opportunity to be here today and for giving me the joy of being able to travel this path, this path that has allowed me to be here today and hopefully inspire everyone to believe in yourself,” Ortiz said.

Ortiz was greeted by a raucous crowd chanting “Papi! Papi!” as many fans made the four-hour drive from the vicinity of Fenway Park to attend the festivities.

When he took the stage, Ortiz pointed skyward as is his wont in special moments, a way of honoring his late mother, who died two decades ago after a car accident.

“I always tried to live my life in a way ... so I can make a positive influence in the world,” said the 46-year-old Ortiz, just the 58th player elected in his first year on the ballot. “And if my story can remind you of anything, let it remind you that when you believe in someone you can change the world. You can change their future, just like so many people believed in me.”

Ortiz, who survived a nightclub shooting in the Dominican Republic three years ago, soaked in the celebration.

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GOLF EVIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Henderson wins 2nd major after wild finale

Associated Press

EVIAN-LES-BAINS, France — So much had happened in a chaotic final round of the Evian Championship — a spectator unwittingly picking up a stray ball, a pair of four-putts in the final group, a seven-way tie for the lead — that it was hard to know what to expect as Brooke Henderson walked down the fairway on the 72nd hole.

The Canadian was in a share of the lead with LPGA rookie Sophia Schubert and had just had a lucky escape when her wild hook off the tee at the par-5 No. 18 flew into trees and bounced out to relative safety.

Now in the middle of the fairway, could Henderson make birdie to win the second major title of her career, six years after her first at the Women’s PGA Championship in 2016 when she was only 18?

Henderson handled the pressure, hitting her third shot to 8 feet and rolling in the putt for an even-par round of 71. She was soaked in champagne by fellow players after clinching a one-stroke victory that certainly didn’t come easy.

“Definitely not my best today,” Henderson said. “I just tried to stay patient and remind myself that I was still in it.

“I made some clutch putt and shots down the stretch, which really helped.”

After all, Henderson went into Sunday with a two-stroke lead and having barely been out of position all week at Evian Resort Golf Club in rounds of 64, 64 and 68.

That was wiped out after the first hole, though, thanks to a birdie from playing partner So Yeon Ryu (73) and a bogey from Henderson.

So began the craziness of the final round of the fourth major of the year, when there were 13 changes to the lead.

At No. 5, Ryu had a double bogey to gift Henderson a three-stroke lead. At the next hole, Henderson also four-putted for a double and saw her lead slip to one.

Turn to Henderson, Page 2



Brooke Henderson celebrates with her trophy Sunday after winning the Evian Championship in France. **LAURENT CIPRIANI/AP**

Leaderboard

Golfer	Four-round total	Par
1. Brooke Henderson	64-64-68-71—267	-17
2. Sophia Schubert	69-65-66-68—268	-16
3. Carlota Ciganda	67-67-67-68—269	-15
3. Charley Hull	66-69-67-67—269	-15
3. Hyo Joo Kim	68-66-68-67—269	-15
3. Lydia Ko	66-69-68-66—269	-15
3. Mao Saigo	70-70-65-64—269	-15
Seven golfers tied for eighth		-13

Purse: \$4.5 million; **Yardage:** 6,527; **Par:** 71
Evian Resort Golf Club; Evian-les-Bains, France

BLUE JAYS 8, RED SOX 4

Blue Jays take advantage of blunders for series sweep

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

BOSTON — The Boston fans who drove out to see David Ortiz inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame on Sunday earned an added bonus for their troubles: They didn’t have to watch the Red Sox post another stinker against another AL East opponent.

Before the former Boston slugger could even step up to the microphone in Cooperstown, the team he led to three World Series championships had already fallen behind 5-0 and was on its way to an 8-4 loss and a three-game sweep by the Toronto Blue Jays.

“The brand of baseball we’re playing is awful,” manager Alex Cora said after the Red Sox lost their fifth straight game and their ninth in 10 tries to fall to .500 for the season.

Turn to Red Sox, Page 2



Up Next
Who: Cleveland Guardians at Boston Red Sox
When: 7:10 p.m. Monday; **TV:** NESN



The Blue Jays’ Raimel Tapia slides in safely for a three-run triple as Jeter Downs of the Red Sox awaits the throw in the first inning Sunday at Fenway Park. **WINSLOW TOWNSON/GETTY**

SPORTS

UP NEXT

Red Sox: Guardians, Monday, 7 p.m.; Guardians, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Guardians, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Yankees: at Mets, Tuesday, 1 p.m.; at Mets, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Royals, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Mets: Yankees, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Yankees, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Marlins, Friday, 6:30 p.m.
Yard Goats: Portland, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Portland, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Portland, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Sun: Storm, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Sky, Sunday, 1 p.m.; Mercury, August 2, 7 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: at Rio Grande, Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; Birmingham, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Memphis, August 6, 8:30 p.m.

TV/RADIO

BASEBALL
7 p.m.: Cleveland Guardians at Boston Red Sox. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080.
7 p.m.: MLB Network Showcase: Clubhouse Edition. (Live) MLB
10 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB
BASKETBALL
7 p.m.: The Basketball Tournament Third Round. (Live) ESPN2
9 p.m.: The Basketball Tournament Third Round. (Live) ESPN2
SOCCER
6 a.m.: Club Friendly Gamba Osaka vs Paris Saint-Germain. (Live) CBSN
7:50 p.m.: Copa América Femenina Colombia vs Argentina. (Live) FS1

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEGION SATURDAY'S LATE RESULTS
CT LEGION TOURNAMENT—SUPER REGIONALS
Middletown Regional (at Palmer Field)
West Haven 6, Ellington 5
Danbury 4, Middletown 1

Bristol Regional (at Muzzy Field)
Waterford 2, Greenwich 1

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
CT LEGION TOURNAMENT—SUPER REGIONALS
Middletown Regional (at Palmer Field)
Elimination Game
Ellington vs. Middletown, late
Winner's Game
West Haven vs. Danbury, late

Bristol Regional (at Muzzy Field)
Elimination Game
Greenwich 6, Willimantic 3
Winner's Game
Waterford vs. Stamford, late

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE
CT LEGION TOURNAMENT—SUPER REGIONALS
Middletown Regional (at Palmer Field)
Elimination Game
Ellington/Middletown winner vs. West Haven/Danbury loser, 6:30p.m.

Bristol Regional (at Muzzy Field)
Elimination Game
Stamford vs. Greenwich, 6:30p.m.

CONNECTICUT TWILIGHT LEAGUE
MONDAY'S SCHEDULE
Patriots at Dodgers, 6p.m.
Black Sox at Rock Cats, 6p.m.
Aftershock at Angels, 6:30p.m.

GREATER HARTFORD TWILIGHT LEAGUE
SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Orioles at Colts, late
Cardinals at Phillies, late

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE
People's at Greens, 6p.m.
Phillies at Expos, 6:30p.m.

PETE KOKINIS BASEBALL LEAGUE
SATURDAY'S LATE RESULTS
19U
Ahern Whalen-Middletown 4, Plainville Devils 3
16U
Copperheads-Torrington 12, Nor'Easters-Newington 11

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE
PKBL PLAYOFFS
16a—Play-in Round: Ahern Whalen-Middletown at Nor'Easters-Newington, 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE
PKBL PLAYOFFS
19u—Play-in Round: Southington Hitmen at Ahern Whalen-Middletown, 5:30 p.m.; Plainville Devils at Rocky Hill, 5:30 p.m.; Farmington at New Britain Parks and Rec, 7 p.m.

EASTERN LEAGUE

STANDINGS					
NORTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB	
Hartford	56	33	.629	—	
Somerset	55	34	.618	1	
Portland	44	46	.489	12.5	
Reading	40	49	.449	16	
New Hampshire	40	50	.444	16.5	
Binghamton	33	56	.371	23	
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB	
Erie	51	38	.573	—	
Akron	47	41	.534	3.5	
Richmond	47	43	.522	4.5	
Altoona	46	44	.511	5.5	
Bowie	40	49	.449	11	
Harrisburg	37	53	.411	14.5	

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULTS
Hartford 6, Binghamton 5
Bowie 4, Richmond 2
Harrisburg 7, Altoona 5
Somerset 10, Reading 8
Portland 8, New Hampshire 5
Akron 4, Erie 2

SATURDAY'S LATE RESULTS
Harrisburg 2, Altoona 1
Bowie 3, Richmond 2
Somerset 6, Reading 3
New Hampshire 5, Portland 3
Akron 7, Erie 6

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Hartford 10, Binghamton 6
Altoona 3, Harrisburg 2(10)
Richmond 7, Bowie 6
New Hampshire 9, Portland 7
Erie 5, Akron 2

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE
Harrisburg at Akron, noon
Reading at Erie, 12:30p.m.
Somerset at Richmond, 6:30p.m.
Altoona at Bowie, 6:30p.m.
New Hampshire at Binghamton, 6:30p.m.
Portland at Hartford, 7p.m.

WNBA

STANDINGS					
EASTERN	W	L	PCT	GB	
Chicago	21	7	.750	—	
Connecticut	18	9	.667	2.5	
Washington	17	11	.607	4	
Atlanta	12	15	.444	8.5	
New York	10	17	.370	10.5	
Indiana	5	25	.167	17	
WESTERN	W	L	PCT	GB	
Las Vegas	20	8	.704	—	
Seattle	17	10	.630	2.5	
Los Angeles	12	15	.444	7.5	
Dallas	12	15	.444	7.5	
Phoenix	12	16	.429	8	
Minnesota	10	18	.357	10	

SATURDAY'S LATE RESULTS
New York 83, Chicago 80
Las Vegas 84, Los Angeles 66

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Dallas 96, Indiana 86

Connecticut at Minnesota, late
Atlanta at Seattle, late

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE
Las Vegas at Chicago, 8:30p.m.

REGIONAL DIGEST

Streaking Yard Goats rally past Binghamton

By Staff Reports

Trailing by three in the seventh inning, the Hartford Yard Goats scored five runs to rally past the Rumble Ponies 10-6 on Sunday afternoon at Mirabito Stadium in Binghamton, N.Y. Outfielder Niko Decolati hit the go-ahead two-run single, scoring Aaron Schunk and Brenton Doyle, as Hartford won its seventh in a row.

Doyle had four hits, Decolati had three hits, and Grant Lavigne had three hits, including a home run and double. The Yard Goats have outscored their opponents 55-26 during the winning streak. New York Mets reliever Trevor May worked a scoreless inning on a MLB rehab assignment and allowed a hit to Lavigne.

The Yard Goats won both games of the two-game series. Saturday night's game was postponed due to inclement weather and will be made up as part of a doubleheader when the Yard Goats return to Binghamton in September.

Binghamton took a 3-0 lead in the second inning as Wyatt Young belted a three-run double off Hartford starter Noah Davis. The Mets affiliate made it 4-0 on Zach Ashford's RBI double in the third inning. The Yard Goats got a pair of runs in the fourth off starter Jose Butto. Willie MacIver doubled home Schunk and Doyle to make it a 4-2 game. Mets prospect Ronnie Mauricio drove home Matt Winaker in the bottom of the inning for a 5-2 lead.

Isaac Collins started the rally

in the seventh. He led off with a walk, stole second, took third on a grounder and scored on Hunter Stovall's groundout to make it 5-3. Lavigne followed with a solo home run to make it 5-4. Michael Toggia singled, Schunk walked, Doyle singled and MacIver walked with the bases loaded, scoring Toggia to tie it 5-5. Decolati then singled to right field, scoring Schunk and Doyle for a 7-5 lead.

Hartford added three more runs on five hits in the eighth. Toggia had an RBI single, Schunk an RBI double and MacIver a sacrifice fly. Riley Pint faced the minimum three batters and had a strikeout to earn the win. The Yard Goats return to Dunkin' Donuts Park on Tuesday to host the Red Sox affiliate, the Portland Sea Dogs.



Supporters of Hall of Fame inductee David Ortiz (not shown) celebrate before the National Baseball Hall of Fame induction ceremony Sunday. **JOHN MINCHILLO/AP**

Ortiz

from Page 1

Legions of fans crowded onto the field adjacent to Clark Sports Center, sun umbrellas and Dominican Republic flags sprinkled all around.

Ortiz's No. 34 was seemingly everywhere as fans chanted and sang in Spanish.

A sign that read 'I Love U' summed up the admiration for Big Papi on his special day.

Six Era Committee selections also comprised in the Class of 2022 — former Twins teammates Jim Kaat and Tony Oliva, Minnie Miñoso, former Dodgers star and Mets manager Gil Hodges, and Black pioneers Buck O'Neil and Bud Fowler.

The 83-year-old Kaat, now a broadcaster for the Twins, pitched for a quarter-cen-

tury, winning a World Series a year before retiring in 1983. He thanked his dad for instilling the discipline needed to succeed, his wife for always being there, and his former minor-league manager, 94-year-old Jack McKeon, who was in the audience.

Oliva was the American League Rookie of the Year in 1964, led the league in hits five times, and became the first player in major-league history to win batting titles in each of his first two seasons, finishing with a lifetime average of .304 in 15 seasons with the Twins.

Oliva got his chance in part because of Miñoso, the "Cuban Comet"

"I've been so blessed, so lucky," said Oliva, who turned 84 four days ago. "I appreciate it very much. I'd like to say thank you to all those friends, all those wonderful friends, all those friends from

all over the world. I appreciated it very much, very much."

Miñoso, who died in 2015, grew up on a sugar plantation and played ball on weekends as a kid and became a star with the New York Cubans in the Negro Leagues before becoming the first Black Latino player in the major leagues in 1949, two years after Jackie Robinson broke in.

To Cuban players, Miñoso was the Jackie Robinson of Latino America and starred for the White Sox in the 1950s. He was a nine-time All-Star and finished his career with 2,110 hits and a .299 batting average.

"From a humble ranch in Cuba to the National Baseball Hall of Fame — what a way to honor such a remarkable life lived and to service in the sport he loved," said his wife, Sharon. "He would have been so very proud to be a Hall of Famer."

Red Sox

from Page 1

"We're not catching the ball. We're not putting in good at-bats, We're not throwing strikes. It's bad. It's really bad right now," Cora said. "But we're talented. And we can turn around quick, and it starts tomorrow."

Two days after Raimel Tapia hit an inside-the-park grand slam in a record-setting 28-5 Blue Jays victory, he had a bases-loaded triple in the first to spot Toronto to a 5-0 lead off top Boston prospect Brayan Bello (0-2) — one of five players in the Red Sox lineup who started the season in the minors.

Tapia had three hits and drove in four runs, giving him 10 RBIs for the series, and Vladimir Guerrero had four hits for the Blue Jays. Toronto also took advantage of three errors and a series of other blunders by Boston, which has not won a series against an

AL East opponent in 12 tries this season and is just a half-game ahead of last-place Baltimore in the division.

On Sunday, the Red Sox kicked the ball around the outfield, fumbled it in the infield, threw it into a baserunner's back, missed tags, missed bases and generally played like the minor leaguers that half of them were on Opening Day.

"Defensively we have taken a step back the last 14 days," Cora said. "We were really good defensively early on. ... It seems like right now the game speeds at one point in the game, and it looks horrible."

Tim Mayza (4-0) earned the win as the most effective reliever after inducing a double play in the seventh. Toronto starter Ross Stripling allowed two runs in four innings before reliever Trevor Richards gave up two more, when Jarren Duran tripled and scored in the fifth, then Jackie Bradley Jr. hit a solo homer in the sixth to

make it 8-4.

But the biggest cheer of the day was when a clip from Ortiz's Hall of Fame acceptance speech was played on the scoreboard.

The Red Sox could have used him. Instead, the lineup was missing ailing All-Stars J.D. Martinez and Rafael Devers and top offseason acquisition Trevor Story, with the bottom five in the batting order all hitting worse than .220.

Wilting in the 98-degree heat and already trailing 5-1, the Red Sox were booed by the home crowd in the second inning after George Springer stole second base and took third when Christian Vázquez's throw went into the outfield and was kicked around there by left fielder Franchy Cordero.

Bello allowed five runs, nine hits and two walks, striking out two in four innings; he has yet to make it into the fifth in any of his three major league starts. But this time he was hurt by some bad luck and some bad defense.

Late goal beats Hartford Athletic: After a scoreless first half, Hartford Athletic took the lead in the 55th minute on a goal by Conor McGlynn but couldn't hang on as Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC came away with a 2-1 victory in a USL game Saturday night at Trinity Health Stadium in Hartford.

Russell Cicerone tied it in the 74th minute for Pittsburgh and Shane Wiedt scored the winner in the fourth minute of stoppage time. Yannik Oettl made four saves for Hartford. Riverhounds goalkeeper Jahmali Waite didn't have to make a save for the win.

Hartford has a quick turnaround as it will meet Rio Grande Valley FC for a midweek matchup Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in Edinburg, Texas.

Yankees

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New York scored three times in the third on a double by DJ LeMahieu and a two-run drive by Judge off Dean Kremer (3-2). Judge has nine homers in his last 12 games against Baltimore and 36 over his career — his most against any opponent.

"I don't think anybody should pitch to him," Orioles catcher Robinson Chirinos said. "The guy is unbelievable. He's hitting good pitches. He's hitting mistakes. Normally when a guy's hot, he's hitting doubles and singles. He's hitting the ball out of the ball-park, and it's crazy. He's a good hitter. What can you say?"

The Yankees lead the majors with 166 homers, the most they've hit through the first 96 games of a season in franchise history.

Isiah Kiner-Falefa extended his hitting streak to 12 games with an RBI single, and Trevino followed with a double that increased the lead to 5-0 in the sixth. Aaron Hicks drove in the sixth run with a single in the ninth.

The Yankees used four outfielders in the second against Adley Rutschman, who hit a fly ball to left that was dropped by second baseman Gleyber Torres on the warning track.

The official scorer initially charged Torres with an error but later awarded Rutschman his 18th double in 19 games.

The Yankees have won at least 66 of their first 97 games for the 10th time in franchise history.

Moves

Yankees: RHP Shane Greene was designated for assignment. Greene made his first appearance for the Yankees since he was a rookie in 2014 on Saturday and gave up a home run.

Trainer's room

Yankees: RHP Ron Marinaccio (shoulder inflammation) was reinstated from the 15-day injured list. ... OF Giancarlo Stanton is feeling "beat up" but he could be back in the lineup Tuesday. ... RHP Michael King will need surgery to repair his fractured elbow. He could be ready for spring training if he doesn't require Tommy John surgery, manager Aaron Boone said.



New York Yankees manager Aaron Boone looks on before the start of Sunday's game against the Baltimore Orioles in Baltimore. **NICK WASS/AP**



Brooke Henderson center, is doused in champagne and water after winning the Evian Championship on Sunday, her second career major championship. **LAURENT CIPRIANI/AP**

Henderson

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By that time, Olympic champion Nelly Korda — who started six shots behind Henderson but was soon only three behind — had pushed her approach shot into the rough near a path and seen a spectator wander up to the ball and pick it up.

The ball had to be replaced to a best estimate of where it was picked up, and Korda went on to make a double of her own.

Henderson was knocked out of the lead for the first time — if only briefly — when Schubert made birdie at No. 12 to move to 15 under, breaking a seven-way tie for first place.

Henderson managed to keep

pace with Schubert with birdies at Nos. 14 and 15, and a clutch par putt at No. 16.

The pair were tied for the lead after reaching the 18th, with Schubert playing in the group ahead of Henderson.

Schubert played it better, but her birdie putt came to rest barely an inch from the cup — she had to settle for a 68 — just after Henderson had sent away her ugly drive.

Henderson chipped out into the fairway and pulled off her fourth birdie of the day, three of them coming in the final six holes.

She finished at 17-under 267. Five players were tied for third two shots back: Mao Saigo (64), Lydia Ko (66), Charley Hull (67), Hyo Joo Kim (67) and Carlota Ciganda (68).

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	66	31	.680	—	—	5-5	W-1	37-12	29-19
Toronto	53	43	.552	12 ½	+1 ½	8-2	W-6	30-19	23-24
Tampa Bay	52	43	.547	13	+1	7-3	L-2	31-18	21-25
Boston	48	48	.500	17 ½	3 ½	1-9	L-5	23-23	25-25
Baltimore	47	48	.495	18	4	6-4	L-1	26-19	21-29

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	52	44	.542	—	—	5-5	W-2	27-22	25-22
Cleveland	48	46	.511	3	2 ½	6-4	L-2	25-19	23-27
Chicago	48	48	.500	4	3 ½	7-3	W-2	21-27	27-21
Kansas City	38	57	.400	13 ½	13	5-5	W-2	21-28	17-29
Detroit	38	58	.396	14	13 ½	2-8	L-3	23-26	15-32

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	63	32	.663	—	—	7-3	W-4	30-14	33-18
Seattle	51	44	.537	12	—	8-2	L-2	24-22	27-22
Texas	42	51	.452	20	8	3-7	L-2	21-26	21-25
Los Angeles	40	55	.421	23	11	2-8	W-1	22-27	18-28
Oakland	35	62	.361	29	17	6-4	W-3	14-32	21-30

BOX SCORES

CHI. CUBS 4, PHILADELPHIA 3

Chi Cubs	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Morel cf-2b	4	0	2	1	0	.283
Hoerner ss	3	0	0	0	1	.300
Wisdom 3b	3	0	0	0	2	.219
Suzuki rf	4	0	0	0	1	.273
Happ dh	4	0	1	0	0	.279
Schwindel 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.231
Rivas 1b	0	0	0	0	0	.229
Gomes c	4	2	2	2	0	.220
Bote 2b	3	0	0	0	0	.256
a-Ortega ph-cf 1	1	0	0	0	0	.232
Velazquez lf	3	2	2	1	0	.246
TOTALS	33	4	7	4	7	
Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Vierling cf	4	0	0	0	0	.231
Schwarber lf	4	0	0	0	1	.205
Hoskins 1b	4	0	2	1	1	.244
Hall dh	4	0	0	0	2	.261
Castellanos rf	4	0	1	0	2	.245
Stott 2b	3	1	1	0	0	.190
Bohm 3b	4	0	3	1	0	.282
Gregorius ss	4	0	0	0	0	.225
Stubbs c	4	2	2	1	1	.277
TOTALS	35	3	9	3	7	

Chi. Cubs	002	30	000	—	4	7	1
Philadelphia	000	011	010	—	3	9	0

a-grounded out for Bote in the 9th.
E: Gomes (6). **LOB:** Chicago 6, Philadelphia 6. **2B:** Morel (13), Stott (7).
HR: Gomes 2 (5), off Falter; Velazquez (5), off Falter; Stubbs (4), off Martin.
RBIs: Gomes 2 (14), Morel (29), Velazquez (13), Bohm (37), Hoskins (45), Stubbs (11). **CS:** Morel (5).
Runners left in scoring position: Chicago 4 (Wisdom, Happ 2, Bote); Philadelphia 1 (Stubbs). **RISP:** Chi Cubs 0 for 5; Philadelphia 2 for 4. **Runners moved up:** Gomes, Schwarber. **GIDP:** Stott.
DP: Chicago 1 (Hoerner, Schwindel).

CHI CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Smyly, W, 3-5	6	4	2	1	0	4	3.93
Effross, H, 12	1	2	0	0	0	0	2.79
Martin, H, 6	1	2	1	1	0	2	4.50
Robertson, S, 14-191	1	0	0	0	1	1	1.83

PHILADELPHIA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Falter, L, 0-3	5	5	4	4	2	5	5.18
Nelson	2	1	0	0	1	2	3.83
Knebel	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.87
Familia	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.83

Pitches-Strikes: Smyly 83-55; Effross 10-7; Martin 23-14; Robertson 22-14; Falter 82-55; Nelson 30-20; Knebel 8-8; Familia 9-5.
Batters Faced: Smyly 22; Effross 4; Martin 5; Robertson 5; Falter 22; Nelson 8; Knebel 3; Familia 4.
HBP: Falter (Hoerner). **WP:** Nelson.
Umpires: Home, Stu Schewartz; First, Jeff Nelson; Second, Manny Gonzalez; Third, CB Bucknor.
Time: 2:50. A: 29,079 (42,792).

CHI. WHITE SOX 6, CLEVELAND 3

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Kwan lf	4	1	2	1	1	.292
Rosario ss	5	0	2	0	0	.297
Naylor dh	5	1	3	0	1	.282
Reyes rf	5	1	2	2	1	.214
Gimenez 2b	4	0	1	0	1	.304
Miller 1b	3	0	1	0	1	.248
Clement 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.209
Hedges c	4	0	0	0	2	.172
Straw cf	4	0	0	0	1	.212
Call cf	1	0	0	0	1	.111
TOTALS	37	3	11	3	9	
White Sox	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Anderson ss	4	1	1	0	1	.310
Moncada 3b	4	0	0	0	0	.207
Pollock lf	3	1	1	3	0	.232
Abreu 1b	4	0	1	0	2	.304
Jimenez dh	4	1	1	1	0	.221
Sheets rf	4	1	2	0	0	.225
Zavala c	3	0	0	0	1	.286
Garcia 2b	3	1	1	2	0	.204
Engel cf	3	1	1	0	1	.247
TOTALS	32	6	8	5		

Cleveland	000	002	021	—	3	11	0
Chi white Sox	050	001	00x	—	6	8	0

LOB: Cleveland 10, Chicago 3.
2B: Rosario (18), Gimenez (14), Abreu (22). **HR:** Reyes (9), off Graveman; Kwan (2), off Hendriks; Garcia (3), off Bieber; Pollock (5), off Bieber; Jimenez (4), off Bieber.
RBIs: Reyes 2 (28), Kwan (27), Garcia 2 (17), Pollock 3 (31), Jimenez (15).
Runners left in scoring position: Cleveland 4 (Gimenez, Reyes, Straw, Clement); Chicago 2 (Jimenez 2).
RISP: Cleveland 1 for 7; Chicago 1 for 3.
Runners moved up: Clement, Moncada.
GIDP: Reyes, DP: Chicago 1 (Moncada, Garcia, Abreu).
CLEVELAND IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Bieber, L, 4-6 6 8 6 6 1 4 3.55
 Castro 1 0 0 0 0 0 7.43
 Hentges 1 0 0 0 0 0 1.405
WHITE SOX IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Cease, W, 10-4 6 7 0 0 0 1 4 2.03
 Lambert 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 2.31
 Graveman 1 2 2 2 1 3 2.53
 Hendriks 1 2 1 1 0 2 3.31
Pitches-Strikes: Bieber 76-57; Castro 14-11; Hentges 9-7; Cease 97-62;
 Lambert 14-9; Graveman 23-14;
 Hendriks 20-15.
Batters Faced: Bieber 27; Castro 3; Hentges 3; Cease 25; Lambert 4; Graveman 6; Hendriks 5.
WP: Cease (2), PB: Zavala (1).
Umpires: Home, Edwin Moscoso; First, Dan Bellino; Second, Mark Ripberger; Third, Cory Blaser.
Time: 2:31. A: 30,831 (40,615).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING AVG.	G	AB	R	HAVG.
Arraez Min	85	313	53	107 .342
Devers Bos	87	349	62	113 .324
Kirk Tor	85	276	47	88 .319
Benintendi KC	89	330	38	105 .318
Gurriel Jr. Tor	86	314	54	99 .315
Bogaerts Bos	91	335	40	105 .313
T.Anderson CHW	67	280	46	87 .311
Alvarez Hou	79	277	61	85 .307
Gimenez Cle	82	266	35	81 .305
France Sea	81	322	36	98 .304

Home Runs: Judge, New York, 36; Alvarez, Houston, 28; Trout, Los Angeles, 24; Stanton, New York, 24; Buxton, Minnesota, 23; Rizzo, New York, 22; Devers, Boston, 22; Seager, Texas, 22; Ohtani, Los Ang., 20; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 20.
Runs Batted In: Judge, New York, 79; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 78; Alvarez, Houston, 65; Tucker, Houston, 63; Stanton, New York, 61; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 59; Story, Boston, 58.
Pitching: Verlander, Houston, 13-3; Manohar, Toronto, 11-4; Taillon, New York, 10-2; McClellanah, Tampa Bay, 10-3; Gilbert, Seattle, 10-4; Cole, New York, 9-3; Cease, Chicago, 9-4; Urquiduy, Houston, 9-4; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 9-5; Cimber, Toronto, 8-3.
 through Saturday

N.Y. YANKEES 6, BALTIMORE 0

NY Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Schmidt p-p	0	0	0	0	0	---
LeMahieu 3b	5	1	1	1	0	.283
Judge dh-cf	4	2	2	2	2	.294
Rizzo 1b	4	1	0	0	0	.221
Torres 2b	4	0	2	0	0	.266
Carpenter rf	4	1	1	0	2	.323
Gonzalez rf	1	0	0	0	0	.226
Hicks cf	4	0	2	1	1	.238
1-Donaldson pr	0	0	0	0	0	.229
Kiner-Falefa ss	5	0	1	1	1	.272
Trevino c	4	1	4	1	0	.264
Gallo lf	4	0	0	0	2	.162
TOTALS	39	6	13	6	8	
Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Mullins cf	4	0	1	0	2	.262
Mancini rf	4	0	0	0	1	.268
Mountcastle 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.265
Hays lf	4	0	1	0	1	.267
Rutschman dh	3	0	2	0	1	.238
Urias 2b	4	0	1	0	1	.263
Nevin 3b	4	0	2	0	1	.200
Chirinos c	4	0	0	0	2	.157
Mateo ss	4	0	1	0	0	.210
TOTALS	35	0	8	0	10	

N.Y. Yankees	003	002	001	—	6	13	0
Baltimore	000	000	000	—	0	8	0

1-ran for Hicks in the 9th.
LOB: New York 10, Baltimore 10.
2B: LeMahieu (15), Trevino (9), Rutschman (18).
HR: Judge (37), off Kremer.
RBIs: LeMahieu (37), Judge 2 (81), Kiner-Falefa (30), Trevino (29), Hicks (30), SB: Kiner-Falefa (14).
Runners left in scoring position: New York 5 (Kiner-Falefa, Gallo 2, Carpenter, LeMahieu); Baltimore 2 (Chirinos, Mancini).
RISP: New York 5 for 12; Baltimore 1 for 4.

NY YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cortes, W, 8-3	6	6	0	0	0	7	2.48
Schmidt, S, 1-1	3	2	0	0	2	3	2.67

BALTIMORE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kremer, L, 3-2	5 ½	5	4	4	1	6	3.06
Akin	½	5	1	1	0	1	2.45
Garcia	2	3	1	1	2	1	6.00

Pitches-Strikes: Cortes 94-64; Schmidt 56-36; Kremer 83-55; Akin 38-28; Garcia 41-26.
Batters Faced: Cortes 24; Schmidt 13; Kremer 22; Akin 10; Garcia 11.
Inherited runners-scored: Akin 1-1.
HR: Kremer (Rizzo).
Umpires: Home, Scott Barry; First, Dan Iassogna; Second, Marty Foster; Third, Ben May. **Time:** 3:20. A: 25,623 (45,971).

MIAMI 6, PITTSBURGH 5 (10)

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Wendle 2b	5	1	2	0	0	.290
Rojas ss	4	0	1	1	2	.241
Aguilar 1b	5	0	1	2	4	.251
Garcia dh	5	0	0	0	3	.229
Bleday cf	4	1	2	0	0	.500
De La Cruz rf	4	1	2	1	2	.218
Sanchez lf	4	0	1	0	0	.202
Astudillo 3b	4	0	0	0	0	.244
1-Williams 3b	0	1	0	0	0	.267
Stallings c	2	1	1	0	1	.186
c-Fortes ph-c	1	1	1	1	0	.253
TOTALS	38	6	11	6	12	
Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Newman 2b	5	1	0	0	2	.253
VanMeter 1b	1	1	0	0	1	.188
a-Chavis ph-1b	2	0	0	0	1	.236
Hayes 3b	5	0	1	0	3	.248
Gamel lf	2	0	0	1	1	.244
Mitchell rf	4	1	2	1	2	.210
Allen cf	5	1	0	0	2	.111
Cruz ss	4	1	1	1	2	.208
Tsutsugo dh	4	0	1	2	2	.177
Delay c	2	0	1	0	1	.333
b-Castillo ph	1	0	0	0	1	.204
Heinemann c	0	0	0	0	0	.203
TOTALS	36	5	6	5	18	

Miami	000	012	001	—	6	11	1
Pittsburgh	001	001	002	1	5	6	2

a-flied out for VanMeter in the 8th.
 b-struck out for Delay in the 9th. c-singled for Stallings in the 10th. 1-ran for Astudillo in the 10th. **E:** Aguilar (4), Delay (3), Mitchell (1). **LOB:** Miami 5, Pittsburgh 8. **2B:** Bleday (1). **HR:** De La Cruz (7), off Keller; Cruz (5), off Alcantara. **RBIs:** De La Cruz 2 (21), Aguilar 2 (39), Fortes (13), Rojas (23), Cruz (18), Gamel (23), Tsutsugo 2 (18), Mitchell (8). **SB:** Bleday (

SCOREBOARD

SOCCER

MLS EASTERN						
	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	11	2	9	42	34	15
New York City FC	12	4	5	41	41	21
CF Montréal	11	8	2	35	36	36
N.Y. Red Bulls	9	6	6	33	30	22
Orlando City	8	8	6	30	26	31
Columbus	7	5	9	30	27	22
Cincinnati	7	8	7	28	33	38
Charlotte FC	8	12	2	26	25	31
Chicago	7	10	5	26	24	28
New England	6	7	8	26	32	34
Inter Miami CF	7	10	4	25	22	33
Atlanta	6	8	6	24	29	31
Toronto FC	6	12	4	22	30	39
D.C. United	5	12	3	18	26	43
WESTERN						
	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	14	4	3	45	42	22
Austin FC	12	4	5	41	42	24
Minnesota United	10	8	4	34	31	26
Real Salt Lake	9	7	6	33	28	27
FC Dallas	8	6	8	32	32	25
Nashville	8	7	7	31	28	28
Portland	7	6	9	30	35	31
Seattle	9	10	2	29	28	25
LA Galaxy	8	9	3	27	28	27
Vancouver	7	10	5	26	24	31
Houston	7	11	4	25	28	37
Colorado	6	9	6	24	25	29
San Jose	5	9	7	22	34	43
Sporting KC	5	13	5	20	19	40
Three points for win, one point for tie.						

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
N.Y. Red Bulls at Austin FC, late
Atlanta at LA Galaxy, late

FRIDAY'S MATCH
Seattle at Los Angeles FC, 11p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 30
Portland at Minnesota, 3p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago, 5p.m.
Columbus at Charlotte FC, 7p.m.
New York City FC at CF Montréal, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m.
Cincinnati at Miami, 8p.m.
Vancouver at Nashville, 8p.m.
Toronto FC at New England, 8p.m.
Austin FC at Sporting KC, 8:30p.m.
LA Galaxy at FC Dallas, 9p.m.
Real Salt Lake at San Jose, 10p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 31
Orlando City at D.C. United, 5p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
New York City FC 2, Miami 0
Nashville 1, Cincinnati 1, tie
New England 0, Columbus 0
Philadelphia 1, Orlando City 0
Toronto FC 4, Charlotte FC 0
CF Montréal 2, D.C. United 1
Minnesota 2, Houston 1
Los Angeles FC 2, Sporting KC 0
FC Dallas 1, Real Salt Lake 0
Seattle 2, Colorado 1
Chicago 3, Vancouver 1
Portland 2, San Jose 1

U.S. OPEN CUP WEDNESDAY, SEMIFINALS
N.Y. Red Bulls at Orlando City, 5:30p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at Sacramento Republic FC, 8:30p.m.

NWSL CLUB						
	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
San Diego FC	6	3	4	22	19	11
Portland	5	1	6	21	29	10
Chicago	5	2	5	20	20	16
Houston	5	4	3	18	20	14
Kansas City	5	4	3	18	12	14
OL Reign	4	3	5	17	11	9
Angel City FC	5	4	2	17	10	11
Orlando	3	5	4	13	12	26
Gotham FC	4	6	0	12	7	18
Louisville	2	5	5	11	13	18
Washington	1	5	7	10	11	15
North Carolina	2	5	2	8	14	16
Three points for win, one point for tie.						

FRIDAY'S MATCHES
Washington at North Carolina, 7:30p.m.
Portland at Louisville, 8p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 30
San Diego Wave FC at Chicago, 8p.m.
OL Reign at Angel City FC, 10:30p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 31
Houston at Gotham FC, 5p.m.
Orlando at Kansas City, 7p.m.

TENNIS

HAMBURG EUROPEAN OPEN
Sunday at Am Rothenbaum Rot-Weiss Tennis Club, Hamburg, Germany, outdoors, Red clay
ATP MEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
Lorenzo Musetti d. #1 Carlos Alcaraz, 6-4, 6-7(6), 6-4.

ATP: SWISS OPEN
Sunday at Roy Emerson Arena, Gstaad, Switzerland, outdoors, Red clay
MEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
#1 Casper Ruud d. #2 Matteo Berrettini, 4-6, 7-6(4), 6-2.

WTA: PALERMO LADIES OPEN
Sunday at Country Time Club, Palermo, Italy, outdoors, Red clay
WOMEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
#6 Irina-Camelia Begu d. Lucia Bronzetti, 6-2, 6-2.

WNBA

EAST					WEST				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	21	7	.750	-	x-Las Vegas	20	8	.714	-
Connecticut	18	9	.667	2½	Seattle	17	10	.630	2½
Washington	17	11	.607	4	Los Angeles	12	15	.444	7½
Atlanta	12	15	.444	8½	Dallas	12	15	.444	7½
New York	10	17	.370	10½	Phoenix	12	16	.429	8
Indiana	5	25	.167	17	Minnesota	10	18	.357	10
WEST									
	W	L	Pct	GB					

x-clinched playoff spot

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Dallas 96, Indiana 86
Atlanta at Seattle, late
Connecticut at Minnesota, late

MONDAY'S GAMES
No games scheduled.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Las Vegas at Chicago, 8:30p.m.
(2022 Commissioner's Cup Final)

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
New York 83, Chicago 80
Las Vegas 84, Los Angeles 66

SEASON LEADERS: BLOCKS				
PLAYER	BLK	BPG	TM	G
Jaren Jackson Jr.	177	2.3	MEM	78
Rudy Gobert	137	2.1	UTA	66
Robert Williams	134	2.2	BOS	61
Mitchell Robinson	133	1.8	NYK	72
Mo Bamba	118	1.7	ORL	71
Jakob Poeltl	118	1.7	SAS	68
Myles Turner	118	2.8	IND	42
Evan Mobley	115	1.7	CLE	69
Hassan Whiteside	103	1.6	UTA	65
Joel Embiid	99	1.5	PHI	68
Daniel Gafford	99	1.4	WAS	72
Clint Capela	93	1.3	ATL	74
through Saturday				

ODDS

MLB NATIONAL LEAGUE					MONDAY				
FAVORITE					LINE UNDERDOG				
at Cincinnati	-115	Miami	-105						
Atlanta	-153	at Philadelphia	+131						
at Chi Cubs	off	Pittsburgh	off						
at Milwaukee	-192	Colorado	+163						
San Francisco	-125	at Arizona	+105						
at LA Dodgers	-260	Washington	+220						
AMERICAN LEAGUE									
Tampa Bay	-147	at Baltimore	+108						
at Boston	-112	Cleveland	+126						
at Kansas City	-111	LA Angels	+189						
Houston	-218	at Oakland	+100						
at Seattle	-165	Texas	+141						
INTERLEAGUE									
San Diego	-157	at Detroit	+135						
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CYCLING

109TH TOUR DE FRANCE
Sunday's 21th Stage, a final 115.6-km (71.8-mile) Paris La Defense.
STAGE 21 RESULTS ~time behind leader
1. Jasper Philipsen, Belgium 2:58:32
2. Dylan Groenewegen, Netherlands same
3. Alexander Kristoff, Norway same
4. Jasper Stuyven, Belgium same
5. Peter Sagan, Slovakia same
6. Jeremy Lecoq, France same
7. Danny van Poppel, Netherlands same
8. Caleb Ewan, Australia same
9. Hugo Hofstetter, France same
10. Fred Wright, Great Britain same
Also
24. Matteo Jorgenson, U.S. same
45. Neilson Powless, U.S. same
79. Sepp Kuss, U.S., Jumbo-Visma :51*
83. Brandon McNulty, U.S. :53*
90. Joe Dombrowski, U.S. :53*
114. Quinn Simmons, U.S. 1:52*

OVERALL STANDINGS
1. Jonas Vingegaard, Denmark 79:33:20
2. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia 2:43*
3. Geraint Thomas, Great Britain 7:22*
4. David Gaudu, France 13:39*
5. Aleksandr Vlasov, Russia 15:46*
6. Nairo Quintana, Colombia 16:33*
7. Romain Bardet, France 18:11*
8. Louis Meintjes, South Africa 18:44*
9. Alexey Lutsenko, Kazakhstan 22:56*
10. Adam Yates, Great Britain 24:52*
Also
13. Neilson Powless, U.S. 46:57*
18. Sepp Kuss, U.S., 1:02:29*
20. Brandon McNulty, U.S. 1:31:19*
21. Matteo Jorgenson, U.S. 1:33:57*
43. Joe Dombrowski, U.S., 2:37:51*
67. Quinn Simmons, U.S. 3:30:44*

YOUNG RIDERS STANDINGS
1. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia 79:36:03
2. Thomas Pidcock, Great Britain 58:3*
3. Brandon McNulty, U.S. 1:28:36*
4. Matteo Jorgenson, U.S. 1:31:14*
5. Andreas Leknesund, Norway 1:54:48*
6. Michael Storer, Australia 2:20:32*
7. Geo. Zimmerman, Germany 2:36:57*
8. Kevin Geniets, Luxembourg 2:45:25*
9. Fred Wright, United Kingdom 3:01:25*
10. Stan Dewulf, Belgium 3:26:35*

MOUNTAIN STANDINGS		POINTS
1. Jonas Vingegaard, Denmark	72	
2. Simon Geschke, Germany	65	
2. Giulio Ciccone, Italy	61	
4. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia	61	
5. Wout van Aert, Belgium	59	
6. Thibaut Pinot, France	52	
7. Louis Meintjes, South Africa	39	
8. Neilson Powless, U.S.	37	
9. Pierre Latour, France	35	
10. Geraint Thomas, Great Britain	32	

RECENT TOUR DE FRANCE WINNERS
2022: Jonas Vingegaard, Denmark
2021: Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia
2020: Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia
2019: Egan Bernal, Colombia
2018: Geraint Thomas, Britain
2017: Chris Froome, Britain
2016: Chris Froome, Britain
2015: Chris Froome, Britain
2014: Vincenzo Nibali, Italy
2013: Chris Froome, Britain
2012: Bradley Wiggins, Britain
2011: Cadel Evans, Australia
2010: x-Andy Schleck, Luxembourg
2009: Alberto Contador, Spain
2008: Carlos Sastre, Spain
2007: Alberto Contador, Spain
2006: y-Oscar Pereiro, Spain
2005: z-Lance Armstrong, U.S.
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1999: z-Lance Armstrong, U.S.
1998: Marco Pantani, Italy
1997: Jan Ullrich, Germany
1996: Bjarne Riis, Denmark
1995: Miguel Indurain, Spain
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1990: Greg LeMond, U.S.
1989: Greg LeMond, U.S.
1988: Pedro Delgado, Spain
1987: Stephen Roche, Ireland
1986: Greg LeMond, U.S.
1985: Bernard Hinault, France
1984: Laurent Fignon, France
1983: Laurent Fignon, France
1982: Bernard Hinault, France
1981: Bernard Hinault, France
1980: Joop Zoetemelk, Netherlands
1979: Bernard Hinault, France
1978: Bernard Hinault, France
x-awarded yellow jersey after Alberto Contador was stripped of his title for testing positive for clenbuterol
y-awarded yellow jersey after Floyd Landis was stripped of his title for testing positive for synthetic testosterone
z-Armstrong stripped of all titles after admitting to doping

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES: M&M'S FAN APPRECIATION 400
Sunday race at Pocono Raceway, Long Pond, Pa.; Lap length: 2.5 miles (Start position in parentheses)
1. (1) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 160 laps, 54 points.
2. (2) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 160, 52.
3. (3) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 160, 45.
4. (16) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, 160, 33.
5. (9) Daniel Suárez, Chevrolet, 160, 41.
6. (11) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 160, 31.
7. (4) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 160, 41.
8. (25) Michael McDowell, Ford, 160, 29.
9. (8) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 160, 30.
10. (7) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 160, 27.
11. (34) Erik Jones, Chevrolet, 160, 37.
12. (15) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 160, 25.
13. (17) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 160, 24.
14. (18) William Byron, Chevrolet, 160, 30.
15. (12) Aric Almirola, Ford, 160, 22.
16. (26) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 160, 21.
17. (13) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 160, 20.
18. (10) Ty Gibbs, Toyota, 160, 0.
19. (32) Cole Custer, Ford, 160, 18.
20. (19) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Chevrolet, 160, 17.
21. (23) Corey Lajole, Chevrolet, 160, 16.
22. (14) Joey Logano, Ford, 160, 15.
23. (30) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 160, 14.
24. (27) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 160, 13.
25. (28) Harrison Burton, Ford, 160, 12.
26. (22) Noah Gragson, Chevrolet, 160, 0.
27. (29) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 160, 10.
28. (36) Cody Ware, Ford, 160, 9.
29. (24) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 160, 14.
30. (33) JJ Yeley, Ford, 159, 0.
31. (5) Chris Buescher, Ford, 158, 6.
32. (35) BJ McLeod, Ford, 158, 0.
33. (20) Austin Cindric, Ford, 154, 4.
34. (21) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, accident, 142, 12.
35. (6) Ryan Blaney, Ford, accident, 135, 15.
36. (31) Josh Billicki, Chevrolet, accident, 35, 0.

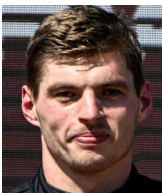
RACE STATISTICS
Winner's average speed: 122.464 mph.
Time: 3 hours, 15 minutes, 59 seconds.
Margin of Victory: .927 seconds.
Caution Flags: 9 for 37 laps.
Lead Changes: 15 among 10 drivers.
Lap Leaders: D.Hamlin 0; K.Busch 1-12; K.Larson 13-30; H.Burton 31-34; C.Bell 35-48; K.Busch 49-64; M.Truxex 65-66; R.Blaney 67-73; E.Jones 74-84; B.Wallace 85-87; K.Busch 88-122; R.Chastain 123; D.Hamlin 124-126; B.Wallace 127; R.Chastain 128-142; D.Hamlin 143-160.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): K.Busch, 3 times for 63 laps; D.Hamlin, 2 times for 21 laps; K.Larson, 1 time for 18 laps; R.Chastain, 2 times for 16 laps; C.Bell, 1 time for 14 laps; E.Jones, 1 time for 11 laps; R.Blaney, 1 time for 7 laps; B.Wallace, 2 times for 4 laps; H.Burton, 1 time for 4 laps; M.Truxex, 1 time for 2 laps.
Wins: C.Elliott, 2; R.Chastain, 2; J.Logano, 2; W.Byron, 2; D.Hamlin, 2; K.Larson, 1; Ky.Busch, 1; C.Bell, 1; A.Bowman, 1; T.Reddick, 1; C.Briscoe, 1; D.Suárez, 1; K.Cindric, 1; C.Briscoe, 1.
Top 16 in Points: 1. C.Elliott, 734; 2. R.Chastain, 667; 3. R.Blaney, 656; 4. M.Truxex, 619; 5. K.Larson, 616; 6. Ky.Busch, 594; 7. J.Logano, 582; 8. C.Bell, 570; 9. K.Harvick, 551; 10. W.Byron, 536; 11. A.Bowman, 510; 12. A.Almirola, 490; 13. A.Cindric, 489; 14. Ku.Busch, 485; 15. D.Suárez, 479; 16. T.Reddick, 474.

GOLF

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Verstappen wins French Grand Prix



Max Verstappen won the French Grand Prix on Sunday after Charles Leclerc crashed out while leading, a mistake that dropped the Ferrari driver 63 points behind the defending Formula One champion. Verstappen's seventh win through 12 races this season upped his career total to 27 victories, all with Red Bull. He said his lead in the title race is misleading because Red Bull and Ferrari have been fairly even this season. "Of course it's a great lead but a lot of things can happen. It's probably a bit bigger than it should have been when you look at the performance of the two cars," Verstappen said. "We still need a bit more one-lap race. I think Budapest (Hungary) will be a bit of a struggle for us and Ferrari will be really, really quick." Seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton finished second in his 300th grand prix — his fourth consecutive podium and highest finish in what's so far been a winless season — while teammate George Russell passed Sergio Perez of Red Bull following a late restart to give Mercedes its first double podium of the year.

Unvaccinated Cards stars out vs. Jays



Two of the Cardinals' best players, third baseman Nolan Arenado, pictured, and first baseman Paul Goldschmidt, won't be making the trip to Toronto for a short series with the Blue Jays because they haven't received the COVID-19 vaccination. The Cardinals announced Sunday that catcher Austin Romine also will not be going to Canada with the team for its Tuesday and Wednesday games. Canada has restrictions on travelers who aren't vaccinated against COVID-19. Arenado, Goldschmidt and Romine will be placed on the restricted list and forfeit pay and major league service time in accordance with the terms of MLB's collective bargaining agreement. Arenado will lose \$384,416, Goldschmidt \$241,758 and Romine \$10,989. Goldschmidt leads the Cardinals in most offensive categories, including batting average (.333), home runs (22), RBIs (74), on-base percentage (.416) and hits (116). Arenado has 102 hits, 18 home runs and 59 RBIs. Romine joined the Cardinals earlier this season as backup for the injured Yadier Molina, who is expected to rejoin the team next month.

US women get relay gold, men trip



For the U.S. women's relay team, this was a shock. For the men — more of the same. The women pulled a stunner over Jamaica in the 4x100 relay at world championships late Saturday, while the favored men finished second after the latest sloppy baton exchange in what has been a ritual since before anyone on this team was born. Andre De Grasse beat American Marvin Bracy to the line by .07 seconds to lift Canada to the victory in the men's race in 37.48 seconds. Bracy fell behind in the anchor leg after twice reaching back and whiffing on the exchange from Elijah Hall, who went tumbling to the ground. "Not being clean cost us the race," Bracy posted on Twitter. "No excuses. We let y'all down my apologies." The U.S. women felt nothing but love. A clear underdog to a Jamaican team that had won all but one of the six sprint medals at this meet, the U.S. pulled the upset when Twanisha Terry, pictured held off 200 gold medalist Shericka Jackson for a .04-second victory. The American team, which also included Melissa Jefferson, Abby Steiner and Jenna Prandini, finished in 41.14. —Associated Press



Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes reacts at the team's training camp facility on Sunday in St. Joseph, Mo. COLIN E. BRALEY/AP

NFL

Spreading the wealth

Mahomes fine with other QBs earning bigger bucks

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — Patrick Mahomes walked onto the practice field at Missouri Western State University on Sunday flanked by NFL rookies and longshots, many of whom dream of making in a year what the Chiefs quarterback will make by the end of the day.

Yet when the Chiefs open the season in Arizona on Sept. 11, Mahomes won't even be the best-paid QB in the game.

Yes, Mahomes set the market when he signed a 10-year, \$450 million contract in July 2020, but that astonishing deal has been surpassed — in average pay and guaranteed compensation — multiple times over the past couple of years. And the latest to join the club with a skyrocketing quarterback contract is the Cardinals' Kyler Murray, whose 5-year, \$230.5 million deal signed this week outpaces Mahomes in average pay by more than a million per year.

All of which is fine for Mahomes, whose humility means he doesn't mind seeing others get their due.

"You want the salaries to keep going up, your players getting more and more," Mahomes said. "When I saw my deal, I knew I was going to be pretty set for life, regardless of what the market kind of patterns. But you just keep playing. I mean, money is one thing, but when you get a Super Bowl ring in your career, I mean, that's the kind of thing you look back upon."

Mahomes earned that ring with a victory over the 49ers in 2020.

That's something missing from the resume of Murray, who lost the only playoff game of his first three seasons in the league, along with just about everyone else whose contract rivals that of the Chiefs quarterback.

There's the Bills' Josh Allen, who signed a six-year deal worth more than \$258 million last August and whose 3-3 playoff record includes a dramatic overtime loss to the Chiefs last season. And the Browns' Deshaun Watson, who is 1-2 in the playoffs, but who signed a five-year, \$230 million deal that's fully guaranteed in March. And Dak Prescott of the Cowboys, who signed a four-year, \$160 million contract last year despite having never played for a playoff title.

Mahomes has played for the last four of those, winning two with the two losses in nail-biter finishes.

"I think especially the quarterback position, because the next guy or the top guy or any of these top-tier quarterbacks, they make such a difference in NFL games, that (contracts) are going to get passed up," Mahomes explained. "And I mean, if you look at guys that signed last year to this year, they got passed up."

He expects the same to happen when the Chargers' Justin Herbert and Bengals' Joe Burrow sign new deals.

Mahomes was quick to make a crucial point about his own deal, though: "I was going to make sure that I got paid, like I said, to take care of your family. But I want to have a great team around me as well. And whatever way that is, I'm going to make sure I have a great team around me for the

rest of my career."

The Chiefs spent lavishly last offseason, both in free agency and the draft, to rebuild an offensive line that failed to protect Mahomes against the Bucs in the Super Bowl. And while GM Brett Veach has still been forced to make some tough financial decisions — like trading away Tyreek Hill rather than give the wide receiver a record-setting contract — he's still been able to land players such as JuJu Smith-Schuster, Marquez Valdes-Scantling and Ronald Jones II to help out.

Mahomes understands the responsibility that comes with his hefty contract, too. That was evident this past offseason, when he invited wide receivers, running backs and tight ends to his home in Texas for some voluntary workouts.

"Patrick does a great job with his leadership ability," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said. "He understands his strengths, he understands his weaknesses, and he's willing to work on his weaknesses like a wild man. He attacks all those things, and he wants you to coach him and coach him hard."

Regardless of what Mahomes' bank account might say.

"I want the Chiefs to be at the top of the rankings. I want to do whatever I can to put us in those positions," he said. "That all comes with how you play on the field. You can have these offseason lifts and everything like that, but when it comes down to it, it's going to be who's there in the middle of February holding up that trophy and getting that ring. So, I think whenever you have that motivation to be the best and to win as a team then everything else kind of handles itself."

NASCAR

Hamlin becomes the Pocono king

By Dan Gelston | Associated Press

LONG POND, Pa. — Denny Hamlin knocked his season-long nemesis out of the race during a late battle for the lead, then streaked ahead Sunday in the No. 11 Toyota to become the winningest driver in Pocono Raceway history.

The Joe Gibbs Racing driver won for the third time this season and passed Hall of Fame driver Jeff Gordon for most wins at Pocono with seven.

Hamlin swept two races at Pocono in his rookie season in 2006, and added wins in 2009, 2010, 2019 and 2020.

Hamlin held off JGR teammate Kyle Busch, still looking for a new contract with Gibbs, to reach victory lane.

Hamlin also tied Tony Stewart on the NASCAR's career wins list with 49.

"I just wanted to be a local short-track racer in Virginia. That's all I really cared about," Hamlin said.

Hamlin first had to take out Trackhouse Racing driver Ross Chastain to clear his path down the stretch.

Chastain wrecked Hamlin two times in a month earlier this season, prompting Hamlin to spew he had "reached my peak" with the aggressive driving of the watermelon farmer. Perhaps as payback, Hamlin refused to give his rival an inch off a late restart at Pocono and ran Chastain into the wall.

Chastain slammed the wall and triggered a wreck that collected several drivers, including winless Kevin Harvick, who is fighting for a playoff spot.

"What did you want me to do? What did you expect me to do," Hamlin asked.

Hamlin said he was "at the end of it" with his frustration with Chastain but was mildly booed by the Pocono fans for denying them what could have been a thrilling battle to the checkered flag.

Chastain, who has two wins this season, said he understand why he finished his race in the wall.

"I think that's something that's been owed to me for a few months now," Chastain said.

Hamlin got the last word, but does it squash their beef? Perhaps not, the wife of Chastain's race team owner Justin Marks tweeted, "Game. On."

Busch finished second, followed by Chase Elliott, Tyler Reddick and Daniel Suarez.

Hamlin's win kept NASCAR with 14 drivers in the play-offs with two spots left over the final five races before the field is set.

Busch sidelined

Ty Gibbs finished 18th for 23XI Racing in his first career Cup start.

Kurt Busch was not cleared by NASCAR's medical staff to compete Sunday's and the 23XI Racing driver was replaced by the 19-year-old Gibbs.

Busch tweeted he suffered from "concussion-like symptoms" from a hit suffered during Saturday's qualifying session.

Busch was not cleared on Sunday morning by NASCAR's medical staff to compete.

Gibbs said he had to pull over on the side of the highway and collect his thoughts when he got the call Saturday to replace Busch.

Gibbs was already back in North Carolina and hopped on a racing simulator until 1 a.m. to get himself ready for his debut.

"I'm very thankful just to come into this whole thing," he said. "I did not expect it at all. It means a lot. I'm going to very disciplined in these situations."

Up next

IndyCar and NASCAR share next weekend at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. IndyCar races Saturday on the road course; NASCAR races Sunday.



Denny Hamlin, driver of the No. 11 FedEx Office Toyota, celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series M&M's Fan Appreciation 400 on Sunday at Pocono Raceway in Long Pond, Pennsylvania. LOGAN RIELY/GETTY

SPORTS



Devils assistant general manager Kate Madigan attends the first round of the NHL draft July 7 in Montreal. At the start of 2022, there were no women serving as assistant general managers in the NHL. Now there are five. **RYAN REMIORZ/AP**



Blackhawks assistant general manager Meghan Hunter speaks during an interview ahead of the NHL draft July 6 in Montreal. Hunter is one of five women currently serving as assistant GMs in the NHL. **STEPHEN WHYNO/AP**



Canucks assistant general manager Cammi Granato, left, takes part in the first round of the NHL draft July 7 in Montreal. Granato hopes the hiring of women in such roles becomes a normal occurrence, and coaching is the next frontier. **GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS VIA AP**

NHL

‘Pendulum is really swinging’

NHL takes big strides on women in hockey ops executive roles

By **Stephen Whyno**
Associated Press

At the start of the year there were no women serving as assistant general managers in the National Hockey League. Now there are five. Chicago’s Meghan Hunter, New Jersey’s Kate Madigan, Toronto’s Hayley Wickenheiser and Vancouver’s Cammi Granato and Emilie Castonguay are on the leading edge of hockey’s concerted effort to diversify front offices and catch up with other sports in that department. Three of them were promoted to AGM over the past six weeks. The league has moved quickly to push for women in executive roles. Doing the same on the coaching front is the NHL’s next frontier.

Kate Madigan blushed and she could not keep herself from smiling. When it was time at New Jersey Devils development camp for her to introduce herself with her title, Madigan got the chance to say she was assistant general manager. She is just the sixth woman in the history of the National Hockey League to hold that position and the fifth currently. “It’s something I’ve worked really hard for,” she told Associated Press this week. “For me, it’s so exciting, and I think it’ll stay that way for a while.”

Madigan, Chicago Blackhawks assistant GM Meghan Hunter, Toronto’s Hayley Wickenheiser, and Vancouver’s Cammi Granato and Emilie Castonguay are on the leading edge of hockey’s concerted effort to diversify team front offices to catch up with other leagues that have already made significant progress in that department. More than 25 years since Angela Gorgone became the first woman in NHL history to hold that position, change is happening quickly at the executive level with Mike Grier becoming the first Black GM and nearly 100 women in hockey operations, player development, health or safety roles around the league. “The pendulum is really swinging to sort of add diversity,” said Granato, a Hockey Hall of Fame player who was named Canucks assistant GM in February. “There’s naysayers that say, ‘Oh you’re just trying to catch up and you’re just adding people to add them,’ but they (the hires) are qualified people. But I’m not surprised. I’m excited about it. It’s very good that the NHL is taking that sort of mindset and look toward that to open the pool.”

Much like people thought Madigan was crazy when she said in high school she wanted to be a general manager someday — “It’s not so crazy anymore,” she points out — Hunter did not know there was a path for her when her playing days were over. She

At a glance

The five women who currently hold assistant general manager jobs around the NHL have in common is none saw this opportunity available to them earlier in life. “I never expected to be an assistant general manager in my wildest dreams,” Meghan Hunter of the Chicago Blackhawks said. “I didn’t necessarily rule it out, but I just didn’t see a path to get there.” Now, Hunter, New Jersey’s Kate Madigan, Vancouver’s Emilie Castonguay and Cammi Granato and Toronto’s Hayley Wickenheiser have each gotten to this point by taking different paths.

EMILIE CASTONGUAY

Castonguay in January became the league’s first woman named AGM since Angela Gorgone in 1996–97 when new Canucks president of hockey operations Jim Rutherford named her to the post. She spent more than five years as an agent certified by the NHL Players’ Association, most notably representing 2020 No. 1 pick Alexis Lafreniere. “It’s a different perspective,” she said earlier this month. “It’s different priorities, and it’s a different challenge.”

CAMMI GRANATO

The all-time leading scorer in women’s international hockey, Granato led the U.S. to gold in Nagano in 1998, the first time women’s hockey was involved in the Olympics. Along with Canada’s Angela James, she was one of the first women inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2010. Granato dabbled in broadcasting after hanging up her skates and was hired by the expansion Seattle Kraken as a scout in 2019. She joined Castonguay with the Canucks in February.

MEGHAN HUNTER

A finalist for top college player of the year, Hunter moved into coaching women’s hockey at the University of Wisconsin: “I just naturally gravitated into coaching because that’s all I really thought was available at the time.” Hunter spent time with the Ontario Hockey League’s London Knights and Hockey Canada, joined the Blackhawks in an administrative role in 2016 and climbed the

ranks in scouting and hockey operations. Chicago promoted her to AGM in June.

HAYLEY WICKENHEISER

An early rival of Granato’s, Wickenheiser is one of the best hockey players Canada has ever produced. She won four consecutive Olympic gold medals from 2002–2014 and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2019. After retiring, Wickenheiser went into player development with the Maple Leafs while also working to finish her medical degree at the University of Calgary. She still practices medicine, even after Toronto promoted her from director of player development in early July.

KATE MADIGAN

Madigan graduated with accounting degrees from Northeastern University and worked at Deloitte for two years before shifting into hockey. “She made a transition from Deloitte and public accounting and put herself out there, didn’t take the safe route: put herself out there and people believed in her,” said her father, Jim, who’s now the athletic director at Northeastern. “They put her a position to be successful.” Named an AGM of the Devils a day after Wickenheiser with the Leafs, Madigan is going into her sixth season in New Jersey after working as executive director of hockey management and operations. She also worked two years in the video/player information operation before being promoted to director of pro scouting operations in 2021.

— *Stephen Whyno, Associated Press*

gravitated into coaching women’s college hockey because that’s all she thought was available to her. Hunter was a top college player but did not reach the levels of Granato and Wickenheiser, a star for Team Canada. She wasn’t a player agent like Castonguay, and she didn’t come up through the business world like Madigan. After rising through the Blackhawks organization since joining the club in 2016, she marvels at the various journeys women have taken to get to this point. “More females breaking in (through) different angles is amazing: different skill-sets that other females can see that they bring to the table,” Hunter said at the NHL draft in Montreal. “Having women in powerful management positions is huge, and it can translate down to young females.” The draft was a watershed moment for the league, with more women on the floor

than ever before. Madigan announced New Jersey’s first selection with her father, the Northeastern University athletic director, beaming with pride from the stands. “She’s been a bright young lady with a real strong work ethic, so we’re proud of her for her early growth and development,” Jim Madigan said. “She’s still only 29 with a long runway in front of her, but people in the Devils organization have not put any barriers up for her and have only been more than anything very helpful in helping her continue to grow in the profession.” Kate Madigan was promoted the day before the draft by the Devils, who also have longtime U.S. star Meghan Duggan as director of player development. Less than six months earlier, Castonguay got the Canucks AGM job after more than five years as an NHL Players’ Association-certified agent. Castonguay, who most notably represented 2020 top pick Alexis Lafreniere, cred-

ited Vancouver president of hockey ops Jim Rutherford for being forward-thinking in adding her and Granato. “Sometimes it’s just one domino that needs to fall, and I think the glass ceiling was broken there,” Castonguay said. “I knew that after that the floodgates would open.” Wickenheiser, who in addition to her duties with the Maple Leafs works full time as a doctor, considers it an evolution of the game. She told reporters in Toronto over the weekend that while the sport’s tradition has been male dominated, “In the rest of society women play very important roles, and I don’t see why it could be any different here in hockey.” That’s only now beginning to happen. Two decades since the NBA first had a woman in an assistant coaching job and a year and a half since Kim Ng of the Miami Marlins became the first woman to be named GM of a Major League Baseball team, the NHL is still celebrating breakthroughs of that kind. The Washington Capitals in June made Emily Engel-Natzke the first woman to hold a full-time job on an NHL coaching staff when they hired her as video coordinator. Seattle’s top affiliate, the Coachella Valley Firebirds, hired Jessica Campbell to be the first full-time assistant coach in the American Hockey League. “There’s a lot of other women who can fill other roles,” Engel-Natzke said. “There’s a lot of really great coaches in international play, NCAA. Hopefully the door just keeps opening a little bit more and I hope in a couple years it’s not as big of a deal, it’s kind of just another hire.” Coaching is the next frontier, with the NHL behind the NBA and NFL in women ascending to those roles. Getting up to speed on that front is the goal of the NHL Coaches Association, which launched the Female Coaches Development Program last year with the aim of growing the pool of available candidates. NHLCA president Lindsay Artkin said it feels like “the opportunity ahead for female coaches is unlimited.” “This program wouldn’t be possible without the tremendous support of our NHL coaches who’ve spent hours mentoring and networking with the women in our program,” Artkin said. “It’s this level of connection that will continue leading to more women getting coaching opportunities in the NHL.” That’s what Madigan thought when she saw Duggan working on the ice with Devils prospects at development camp. It may be some time before a woman gets an NHL assistant coaching job, let alone is hired to run a bench, but strides are already being made. “The coaching will come,” Madigan said. “I don’t know this year, but I think in the next two to three years I would expect to see one. I think it will happen.”

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Athletes arrive for the closing ceremony in the Olympic Stadium at the 2020 Summer Olympics on Aug. 8, 2021, in Tokyo. The Tokyo Olympics survived the COVID-19 postponement, soaring expenses and some public opposition. A year later, the costs and benefits are as difficult to untangle as the Games were to pull off. **LEE JIN-MAN/AP**

TOKYO OLYMPICS ONE YEAR LATER

A complicated legacy

Tokyo Olympic aftermath still being untangled a year later

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The COVID-delayed Tokyo Olympics opened a year ago on July 23, 2021. They survived the one-year postponement, soaring costs and some public opposition. The aftermath is as difficult to untangle as the Games were to pull off. The Games were to drive tourism and showcase Japanese technology. The pandemic squelched that. The official price tag is \$13 billion. The Tokyo city government picked up \$5.4 billion in Games expenses and it is now trying to champion post-Games uses for a half-dozen new venues. The head of the Tokyo Games says a main legacy will be using Tokyo to drive a bid for the 2030 Winter Olympics in Sapporo.

TOKYO — The Tokyo Olympics survived the COVID-19 postponement, soaring expenses and some public opposition. A year later, the costs and benefits remain as difficult to untangle as the Games were to pull off.

In his speech at the closing ceremony, IOC President Thomas Bach said a major accomplishment of the Games was simply reaching the end.

“We did it,” Bach said. “We did it together,” he repeated, crediting the athletes, Japanese government officials, and deep-pocketed broadcasters for refashioning the Games despite no fans, disappointed sponsors, and no buzz around the city.

Organizers said the Games would drive tourism, showcase Japan’s technological prowess, and create memories similar to the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. The pandemic erased that.

Japan’s goal after the postponement was to get through it, mindful that Beijing was holding the Winter Olympics in China just six months after Tokyo’s close. For the International Olympic Committee, it was a priority to get the Games on television and keep

big sponsors — the sources of 90% of IOC income — happy.

“I think what the Games meant more than anything else was simply not having to deal with a cancellation,” David Leheny, a political scientist at Japan’s Waseda University, told Associated Press. “There were no public health disasters associated with it. I do think officials would like to have run a victory lap — if the public had been more enthusiastic about it.”

“If Japan had cancelled,” Leheny added, “there would have been a lot of discussion, particularly in the conservative media, about what it meant that we couldn’t pull it off.”

As a final act before legally dissolving the organizing committee on June 30, President Seiko Hashimoto and CEO Toshiro Muto said the price tag for the Tokyo Games was \$13 billion — almost 60% public money. This was twice the estimated cost when the IOC awarded Tokyo the Games, but less than the \$25 billion some predicted.

How to judge? Legacy or costly hangover? Is there success to celebrate, or is it simply rejoicing over not having failed?

The Tokyo Metropolitan Government, on the hook for \$5.4 billion in Games expenses, has campaigned to persuade the public that a half-dozen new venues have post-Games uses. Typical is a reopening ceremony next week at the canoe-slalom venue, featuring a paddling parade for elementary-school students.

A center dedicated to the LGBTQ community was championed during the Games, and the Paralympics pushed Tokyo to improve accessibility around town.

The city government is holding a 1-year anniversary event Saturday at the \$1.4 billion National Stadium to mark the date of the opening ceremony. Athletes, high school and junior high school marching bands, and cheerleaders are to appear.

Tokyo was initially billed as the “Recovery Olympics,” but this got little play after the delay. Government officials promised before the postponement that the Games would focus attention on an area of north-eastern Japan devastated in 2011 by an earthquake, tsunami, and the meltdown of three nuclear reactors.

Japan’s Kyodo news agency published a survey of 4,000 people, compiled by a government agency, that showed only 29.8% said they were grateful for government reconstruction support. Many in the region believe the Olympics sapped resources from recovery efforts.

“I almost get the impression that the Olympics have come to that very quiet period where people don’t want to talk about it or even think about it,” Aki Tonami, a political economist at Japan’s University of Tsukuba, told AP. “Any analysis of what the Olympics meant is still in the symbolic phase. We don’t really have the capacity or the bandwidth to really dig down for a more long-lasting meaning.”

Kyodo has also reported this week that an executive board member of the organizing committee received \$326,000 from a Games sponsor. As a quasi-civil servant, Kyodo said he was not allowed to receive such payments.

The board member, Haruyuki Takahashi, is a former director at Japanese advertising agency Dentsu, Inc, which helped land \$3 billion in local sponsorship for the Tokyo Games.

Amid uncertainty, there is one clear legacy. Despite scandals, bloated costs, and lukewarm public support, Japan is pursuing the 2030 Winter Olympics for Sapporo. And it’s trying to use the Tokyo Games to drive the bid.

Sapporo places the price tag at \$2.6 billion, likely an underestimate since Tokyo expenses were at least twice the initial estimate. And it’s impossible to estimate accurately eight years in advance.

“We’re already working toward that,” Seiko Hashimoto, the head of the Tokyo Games, said last month. “The significance of the Tokyo Games should be communicated thoroughly, otherwise the people in Sapporo and Hokkaido will not support this initiative.”

Sapporo is believed to be the front-running candidate competing with Vancouver and Salt Lake City. Salt Lake officials have suggested they may focus on 2034. The IOC is expected to name the host in May 2023 and IOC President Bach, in an interview

with Kyodo, seemed to rule out awarding 2030 and 2034 at the same time.

Neither of the three cities requires citizens to approve the bid in a public referendum, which have consistently been rejected when tied to funding the Olympics.

“Previously, there was no question about whether it was the right thing to do to bring the Olympics to Japan,” Tonami said. “But I think what’s different now is that people are starting to ask if it’s really the right thing to do.”

Barbara Holthus, the deputy director of the German Institute for Japanese Studies in Tokyo, worked as a volunteer during the Olympics and got a feel for the street.

“People were so upset that (IOC president) Thomas Bach pushed the Olympics down everybody’s throat without consideration for Japanese sentiments,” she said. “And now they want to it again without asking the people of Sapporo, which they would have to do in Germany.”

Holthus, who grew up in Hamburg, Germany, pointed out that in 2015, local voters there turned down a referendum to hold the 2024 Olympics in the northern German city. Like Holthus, IOC President Bach is also a German.

Working as an Olympic volunteer, Holthus said she saw other volunteers decline to wear their uniforms on public transportation as they traveled to the venue during the pandemic. She said volunteers were told to wear the uniforms because there was no provision for storing street clothing at venues, but some didn’t want to be identified with Games.

She said it was different recently when volunteers gathered to clean some Tokyo beaches.

“My colleagues last year, lots of them didn’t want to be seen in their neighborhood with the uniform on. People were thinking, maybe you’ll bring the virus back to the office or into the neighborhood. But at the recent event we were asked to wear our uniform. Of course, not everybody did, but some did — and they were really proud now to wear it. So I think this bad taste of the uniform now is kind of gone.”



International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach, left, and Seiko Hashimoto, president of the Tokyo Organizing Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, second from left, make the sign of a heart with their hands during the closing ceremony in the Olympic Stadium on Aug. 8, 2021, in Tokyo. **DAN MULLEN/AP**



Tokyo 2020 Olympics Organizing Committee CEO Toshiro Muto, left, and Tokyo 2020 President Seiko Hashimoto, right, hold Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paralympics logo after removing the sign at the Tokyo Metropolitan Government building in Tokyo on June 30. **KYODO NEWS VIA AP**



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